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Police arrested Wednesday night a convicted sex offender who was tagged as one of three suspects in the kidnapping and rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

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Payless payday averted—for now

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REPORTER

The Fitial administration said yesterday that government employees will receive paper checks this afternoon, a welcome news for thousands of public servants and their families looking forward to a long Fourth of July weekend.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, right after a meeting with Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, said the Department of Finance's cash collections were able to avert another payless payday.

"The administration was able to reprogram funds from small activities even without multi-million reprogramming from

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Demapan

Clash of views on status for alien workers

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Battle lines were drawn and emotions ran high Wednesday night as community members aired opposing views on the proposal to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers, during the second of seven Senate public hearings on the U.S. Department of the Interior rec-

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Quitugua is 2010 Liberation Day Queen



Liberation Day Queen candidates pose for a group photo with family and Liberation Day committee members at the Liberation carnival grounds yesterday after the announcement of the winners. Inset, Josifynn Vivian Quitugua, right, was declared 2010 Liberation Queen while Rayna Anabeth Deleon Guerrero Chong, left is this year's Liberation Princess.

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After tallying the tickets sold by all 10 candidates, Josifynn Vivian "Peachy" Quitugua emerged as this year's Liberation Day Queen.

Quitugua was declared winner yesterday at the Liberation carnival grounds following the final counting of the candidates' tickets on Wednesday.

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WITH JUST TWO DAYS LEFT Mayor's office will use its own funds for LibDay celebrations

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With only two days left before the Liberation Day celebration, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores said he will have to dip into his office's own money to fund Sunday's festivities.

According to Flores, they will take out \$45,000 from the mayor's office's personnel account and transfer it to a subaccount, contributions and donations, "so we can

take care [of Liberation Day celebration]."

Flores and the Liberation Day committee chaired by Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas asked for a budget of \$45,000 from the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation to fund this year's Liberation Day activities.

The delegation initially told the committee they will not approve the budget unless they receive an accounting report of the expenditures from last year's Liberation Day celebration.

After receiving the report, the delegation passed on May 28 House Local Bill 17-15, re-appropriating \$80,000 from revenues generated from poker fees as appropriated by Saipan Local Law 16-4. The \$45,000 would be obtained from this re-appropriation.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, however, vetoed the bill on June 23, citing the unavailability of funds to be re-appropriated from Local Law 16-4.

The committee's application to operate casino games at the carnival grounds to raise funds for the Liberation Day activities was also denied by the Office of the Attorney General, said Barcinas.

Aside from the \$45,000 budget, the Liberation Day committee relies on fees collected from the participating vendors

at the Liberation carnival as well as the funds raised in selling tickets of the Liberation Day Queen candidates to pay for all expenses incurred for the monthlong celebration.

Despite the difficulty in obtaining funding for the Liberation Day activities, Barcinas maintains that preparations for Sunday's big event are running smoothly. He is urging all members of the community to enjoy the last three nights of the carnival and to watch the parade and program on Liberation Day.

Parade Lineup

A total of 53 marching units and floats will be participating on the Liberation Day parade on Sunday, according to Float and Parade committee chair Donald Crisostomo.

This includes the dignitaries who have confirmed their attendance for the event, the Liberation Day Queen float, and the five floats that will participate in the best in float competition.

At 8am, the northbound lane from Quartermaster Road to National Office Supply will be closed to motorists. The southbound lane from National Office Supply to Bank of Guam will be closed at 9:30am.

The parade, which starts at 10:30, will be from National Office Supply to the Liberation Day carnival grounds.

Flores said there will be one grand marshal each from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands. They are only waiting for confirmation for the grand marshals for Saipan and Rota, he added.



Flores

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NMC hires 4 more instructors for Fall

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REPORTER

Four more instructors have been hired to join the faculty ranks at the Northern Marianas College as the institution gears up for the Fall 2010 semester.

The new hires will be teaching courses in English, business, computer applications, criminal justice, and literature.

To date, the college has a total of 82 faculty members, composed of instructional and non-instructional faculty. Non-instructional faculty members include department chairs, scientists, counselors, and extension aids.

According to acting NMC interim president Barbara Merfalen, the college's recruitment efforts are ongoing to fill a few more instructional vacancies.

"We welcome these new highly-qualified faculty members to the NMC community. The addition of these instructors is part of the college's continuous efforts to recruit the best candidates to provide quality education for NMC students," said Merfalen.

At this time, she said there are four vacancies for instructional faculty and two vacancies for

department chairpersons. The recruitment process for these vacancies is underway, and the college expects to fill them soon, she said.

"We will continue to aggressively recruit qualified individuals to fill the remaining vacant positions," said Merfalen.

NMC also recently filled a number of other key staff positions, including dean of Academic Programs and Services, director of Library Programs and Services, director of the School of Education, and director of Admissions and Records.

The college provides its employees, including faculty members, two-year contracts. To ensure the stability and

quality of teaching at the college, a proposal to give its faculty members indefinite contracts has been submitted to the NMC administration for review. The board's personnel committee is currently reviewing the proposal for the board's approval.

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ommendations.

Over 40 community members showed up at the public hearing held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

However, none of the five Interior recommendations for improved status of alien workers was a clear choice for many in attendance.

The one thing clear was that while others strongly support the recommendations in general, others strongly oppose these options.

"I am declaring the position of the indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians, with the exception of those who are against us, that we do not support any of the five [Interior] recommendations. Our position is status quo," said Ignacio Demapan, resident executive director of the Indigenous Affairs Office at the public hearing.

Demapan, who is also chairman of the Indigenous Rights Movement Core Group, said giving foreign workers voting rights will negatively affect the "indigenous culture, traditions and land."

Acting House Speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan) said she is also "opposed to the Interior report" and supports the holding of a referendum in time for the November 2010 elections.

"We are working toward a referendum come November. [The question would be] are you in favor of the Interior report? Yes or no? That's my dream for the CNMI," she said, adding that she's one of those who voted against the Covenant between the U.S. and the Northern Marianas.

Ogomoro said she would like to see "that control of the destiny of the CNMI continues to be in the hands of indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians."

Edward Diaz, a community member, said he supports the conduct of a referendum on the issue of alien workers' status.

PAYLESS

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the [Commonwealth Development Authority]," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Fitial administration has been expecting another \$2 million from CDA to cover for payroll but this has not happened yet as of yesterday afternoon.

Finance initially secured some \$1.5 million for payroll, enough to cover the salaries of some 1,000 police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses.

Another \$1.5 million was secured yesterday, allowing the release of payroll for all other government employees and officials, said Demapan.

"I am happy that we're going to get

'What are you afraid of?'

Former Rep. Tina Sablan, in her testimony, asked, "What is it that some of us are so afraid of?"

Sablan was referring to some indigenous people's reasons for opposing the Interior recommendation, especially the apparent fear that someday these non-indigenous will also have an opportunity to vote or participate in other political processes.

"Is that really something that threatens our indigenous cultures? If so, how? Explain that to me. I am a person of Northern Marianas descent, I don't understand that. I grew up with children of guest workers and guest workers—they're my teachers, friends, classmates, co-workers, and I'm not afraid of that," she told lawmakers and other community members.

Sablan said it is not right that members of the CNMI community for over five to 20 years have never been allowed to participate in the political process, adding that this goes against the expectations for the CNMI as a member of the U.S. family.

"I think it's important to emphasize that in the Covenant, we agreed that federal immigration law could be applied at anytime, by the act of U.S. Congress... We also recognize the right of U.S. Congress to grant U.S. citizenship. Even though we're having these hearings and we're discussing this issue, at the end of the day, it is a national decision that has to be made, and it is not up to anyone of us in the CNMI and even in any other state to decide on its own the future U.S. status of [other foreigners]," she added.

Sablan added that the Covenant and the Constitution do not provide for "guaranteed right, indigenous-only or NMD-only government."

Herman Q. Deleon Guerrero said while indigenous people recognize the socio-economic contributions of foreign workers, having some 20,000 of them given the right to vote in the local

paid today. ...I have nothing against payless payday but I prefer that an austerity holiday bill be passed so we can all share the [need to cut government spending]," said Tonnei Camacho, an employee at the Office of Personnel Management.

Another OPM employee said receiving her paycheck on time is just in time for a long weekend.

"At least we will have something to spend for the holiday," she said.

July 5, Monday, is an observed legal holiday in observance of Independence Day on July 4, Sunday.

Another employee, this time at the Office of the Governor, said a paper check is still "a lot better" than not having any at all.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said the timely release of

"I'm happy because I know we all worked hard," she said.

Liberation Day Queen committee chair Tina Pangelinan said the candidates will get 20 percent of the amount they raised from selling their tickets.

Jonas Barcinas, overall chairperson for the Liberation Day committee, said the rest of the money will take care of the prizes for the raffle drawing at the coronation night and the parade float contest.

According to Barcinas, all checks from the Liberation Day ticket sales will have to be cleared before they announce the total amount of money raised. To make themselves account-

elections will "dilute the tradition" of the indigenous people.

Demapan reiterated that foreign workers came here for employment and their over five years of stay here should not be a reason for them to be granted U.S. citizenship, permanent residency or other improved status.

He added that the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Act already allows foreigners to apply for permanent residency that can lead to citizenship, and there's no need to rush the process for alien workers in the CNMI.

Tony Mareham, in his testimony, said if there is going to be a need to improve the status of foreign workers, priority should be given to those who are married to indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians, and "the rest must go through background check."

Bonifacio Sagana, president of the nonresident worker group Dekada Movement, said it is "reasonable" to grant improved status to law abiding foreign workers who have helped build the CNMI economy.

"I support the Interior recommendation giving improved status to foreign workers," said Sagana, who has been a foreign worker in the CNMI for 21 years, and has children and grandchildren who are U.S. citizens here.

Rabby Syed, president of another alien worker group, United Workers Movement-NMI, also told lawmakers that his group strongly supports the recommendations.

But Mareham, during his second time to testify, asked nonresident workers which of the five Interior recommendations they are "shooting for."

"Are they shooting for 20,000-some green cards?" he asked, adding that if so, there may not be 20,000 jobs available for them. Mareham said there will also be competition for jobs and food stamps among indigenous people and foreigners unless Congress allots more millions of dollars into the CNMI to take care of everyone.

government paychecks is a "relief" for employees and their families.

He, however, cautioned that the CNMI government still faces a serious financial crisis that calls for austerity.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said "kudos to the Fitial administration" for working hard to make sure there's no payless payday today.

The Legislature gave the governor the authority to reprogram up to \$10 million in funds in Fiscal Year 2011 to cover for payroll.

On June 18, only police officers, firefighters, corrections officers, doctors and nurses got paid on time. The rest of the employees received their checks on June 21, marking the first time in CNMI history that the release of most government paychecks was delayed.

Many Rota and Tinian employees received their paychecks on June 22.

able, he said that they will release a financial report after the festivities.

Barcinas added that all Liberation Day Queen candidates will be flown to Guam to participate in their Liberation Day festivities on July 21 "as an incentive for their hard work."

Meanwhile, only Quitugua and Chong will go with Saipan Mayor Donald Flores to Japan and promote the CNMI.

The community is invited to attend the coronation night for the 2010 Liberation Day Queen, Princess and Royal Court tonight at 7pm at the Liberation carnival grounds.

The leaders of the foreign workers group said their members have lawful jobs, and came to the CNMI legally, but said they would accept any of the five recommendations.

Too early to tell

Acting Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said with five more public hearings to be held on Saipan, Tinian and Rota, it is still early to tell what his Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies will recommend to the full Senate.

Hofschneider's committee report and recommendation will be used in the formulation of the CNMI's unified position on the status of alien workers, to be submitted to Congress.

He urged other community members to participate in the future public hearings. The next one will be held on July 7, Wednesday, at the Garapan Elementary School, from 6pm to 9pm.

Interior's recommendations apply only to alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for at least five years. The five proposals include granting foreign workers U.S. citizenship by an act of Congress, permanent residency leading to U.S. citizenship, or a status similar to those given to citizens of Freely Associated States.

Long-term need for foreign workers

Jim Arenovski, president of Delta

ARRESTED

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Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives caught Ivan Jones Castro outside the Kagman Market in Kagman III at 9:26pm. The 33-year-old Castro resisted arrest and attempted to flee but was subdued by arresting officers, said police spokesman Eric F. David.

Investigators also seized from Castro a gram of crystal methamphetamine or "ice" with a street value of \$600, David said.

Castro was brought to the Superior Court yesterday morning for his initial court appearance on charges of kidnapping, rape, sex abuse of a minor, aggravated assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona appointed a private lawyer for the jobless Castro as the Office of the Public Defender is already representing the second suspect, Angel Jess Santos.

Preliminary hearing is on July 8, 2010, at 9am.

Detective Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that the victim identified Castro and Santos in a photo lineup.

Santos, the first suspect to be arrested, had refused to identify his co-conspirators so Bauleong, with the help of another detective, showed the victim a photo lineup of several individuals on Tuesday night.

Bauleong said the victim tagged Castro and Santos as two of the suspects who attacked her. The detective said the victim became teary-eyed and emotionally disturbed when she identified Castro and Santos.

Bauleong said the victim claimed it was Castro who had tried to get her backpack, while Santos was the one who blocked her way.

The victim was walking north on a secondary dirt road behind CYC store in Kagman III on June 5 when the three suspects accosted her.

Castro allegedly grabbed the victim

Management Corp.-Saipan, said "one important fact that has been missed in these heated discussions [is] the continued and long-term need for foreign workers in the NMI."

Arenovski, who testified as a private businessman and not as vice president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said this fact "remains unresolved, even if Congress feels it necessary to act on one of OIA's recommendations."

He also asked the U.S. Congress to reconsider the issue of creating a permanent federal visa category for "Commonwealth-only foreign workers." He said this will address the CNMI's need for permanent, not seasonal or temporary, foreign labor.

'Feds: Enemy or friend?'

Rep. Frederick Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said the CNMI need not accept or choose any of the five recommendations.

"I think our real enemy here, for the lack of a better term, is the federal government," he said.

Edward Diaz, a community member, said the federal government is not an enemy of the CNMI.

"We should not use this kind of word. We should be more diplomatic. You lawmakers should be diplomatic... Hurtful remarks are not helping. The federal government is our friend," Diaz said, adding that Congress has priorities now other than the CNMI issues.

behind the neck, forced her head down, choked her, and began punching her on the right side of her face and head.

Before losing consciousness, the girl said she saw the tattoos on Castro's left arm.

Bauleong said that, when the victim regained consciousness, she was outside an abandoned building several meters away from where she was attacked.

Police said that Santos had already confessed being one of three persons who kidnapped the girl and that he only served as a lookout as one of them raped her at Tank Beach.

DPS spokesman David said yesterday that investigators looked for Castro on Wednesday in Kagman after receiving information he was in the area. They tracked him down to the Kagman Market in Kagman III. As they approached his vehicle, Castro allegedly attempted to flee and resisted arrest but was soon subdued.

Investigators then searched Castro's vehicle where they found a gram of "ice," David said.

He said police are still hunting for the third suspect, who is reportedly a juvenile.

This was not the first time Castro has been involved in a criminal case, including sex abuse of a minor.

He was arrested on Nov. 21, 2002 and Aug. 14, 2003 for sexual abuse of a child; July 2, 2008 for criminal mischief; Oct. 26, 2009 for theft of vehicle; and March 3, 2010 for unlawful car registration.

Court records obtained by *Saipan Tribune* showed that on May 27, 2003, Castro pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a 13-year-old girl in January 2002. He was sentenced to five years in prison. Seven months later, his sentence was reduced to four years because of good conduct and for testifying as a witness for the government.

This year, the Office of the Attorney General charged Castro with failure to register a change of address as a sex offender when he relocated to Kagman III. The case was dismissed on May 5, 2010.

QUITUGUA

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The incoming sophomore at Marianas High School bested nine other candidates from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands in the fundraising competition.

Quitugua said she was surprised that she won but is "happy" about the results.

Fifteen-year-old Rayna Anabeth DLG Chong is this year's Liberation Princess.

Chong said admitted feeling that Quitugua was her only competition.

Lawmakers asked to cut \$350 fee for first-time teen drivers

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Lawmakers are being asked to reduce the \$350 fee for the mandatory driver's education for teens applying for a driver's license for the first time.

Indigenous Affairs Office resident executive director Ignacio Demapan asked lawmakers to repeal Public Law 15-25 so that the \$350 fee a driving school is charging first-time applicant for driver's license will be reduced to a "reasonable" amount of "less than \$100."

"We must be mindful that a lot of our teenagers, although they know it is against the law,

may be driving on public roads without a driver's license because their parents cannot afford to pay the \$350 fee. This dilemma must be rectified, as the fee is unaffordable to a vast majority of parents," Demapan told acting Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and acting House Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogomoro (Cov-Saipan). Hofschneider said yesterday that he has yet to see a copy of Demapan's letter, dated June 30, 2010.

Demapan said the government, especially the 17th Legislature, must recognize the importance of allowing teens to drive to school or work, es-

pecially when alternative modes of transportation are not readily available.

"I am confident that with your compassion and thoughtfulness as true leaders, you can assist

our indigenous people and allow them to bring back a large portion of the \$350 to their dinner table, as well as for other residents of the CNMI," Demapan told Hofschneider and

Ogomoro.

At present, the driver's education class costs some \$350 per person.

There is only one commercial business on Saipan

that offers a certified driver's education class for first time drivers: The Instructional Support Training Services, which owns and operates the Driver Training Academy.

Ex-remittance center manager pleads guilty in wire fraud case

A former manager of a remittance center has pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to defraud a Philippine bank of approximately \$109,855.

Armilaire Salamat, who appeared counsel Loren Sutton in Wednesday afternoon's hearing, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and wire fraud.

She will be sentenced on Oct. 12, 2010, at 9am. She remains free on bail until then, subject to the same terms and conditions the court previously set.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge David Wiseman ordered the U.S. Probation's Office to prepare a presentence investigation report on or before Sept. 7, 2010.

Salamat, also known as Armilaire Legaspi Lizama, initially pleaded not guilty to the indictment in March.

The indictment had also charged Ana Maria V. Villegas, a co-owner of the former Philip-

pine Express Remittance, with a count of conspiracy, and two counts of wire fraud.

According to the indictment, the scheme to defraud began in 2004 when Villegas, then a co-owner of Philippine Express Remittance, began passing checks drawn on insufficient funds at PNB Express. PNB Express was then a subsidiary of Philippine National Bank. At that time, Salamat was the manager of PNB Express.

Despite the eventual losses from Villegas' worthless checks, Salamat continued to allow Villegas to transact many worthless checks at PNB Express.

Salamat also transmitted directions by wire for Philippine National Bank to transfer funds into a foreign bank account, based on Villegas' worthless checks.

When all of Villegas' checks were processed, Philippine National Bank took a total loss of approximately \$109,855.33. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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US passport fees set to increase starting July 13



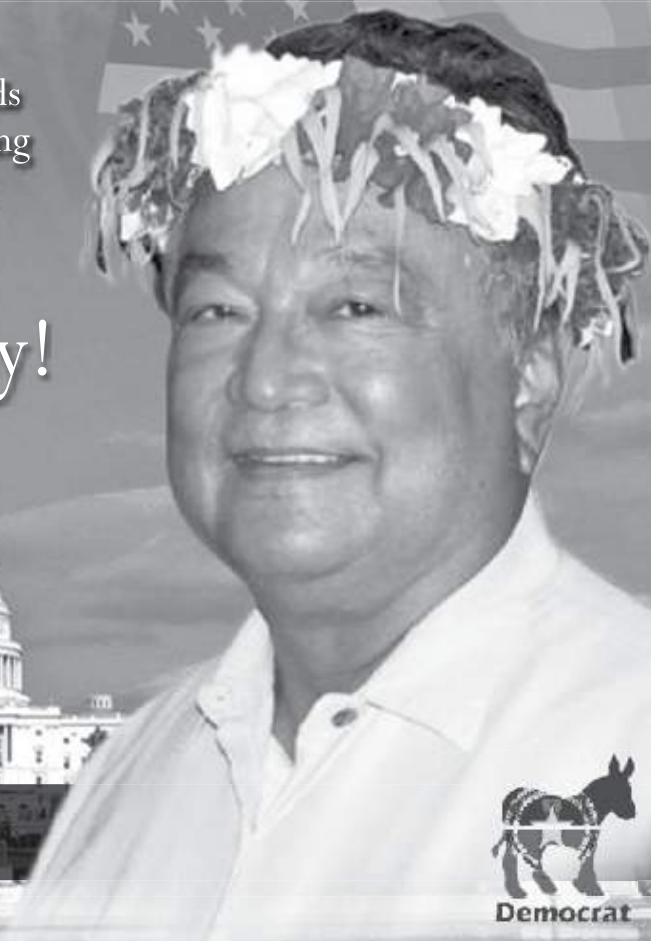
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Beginning July 13, 2010, the U.S. Department of State will be charging higher fees for U.S. passport processing.

The fee for adults (16 years and older) who are applying for the first time or renewing their old passports will now cost \$110. However, the former needs to fork out another \$25 in acceptance fee, payable to the acceptance facility, for a grand total of \$135.

Minors applying for passports have to pay a total of \$105—\$80 passport fee and \$25 acceptance fee.

The fee for passport cards will also go up. First-time adult applicants need to shell out \$30 for the passport fee and another \$25 for the acceptance fee, while renewal costs only \$30. Minors need to pay \$40—\$15 for passport card and \$25 for acceptance fee.

Additional visa pages cost \$82, file search fee is \$150, and expedite processing is \$60.

Aside from higher passports fees, the department will also hike fees for immigrant visas and other consular services. Additional visa pages will soon cost \$82, the file search fee will cost \$150, and expedited pro-

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- For more info, e-mail fees@state.gov

cessing will cost \$60.

Applying for a consular report of a birth abroad will cost \$100, while renunciation of U.S. citizenship will cost \$450.

Under the old fee schedule, applying for a passport cost a total of \$100.

The revised fees will cover actual operating expenses for the 301 overseas consular posts, 23 domestic passport agencies, and other centers that provide these consular services to U.S. and foreign citizens.

The State Department published the revised schedule of fees for consular services in the Federal Register on June 28, 2010, and it becomes official 15 days after publication.

The adjusted fees are based on a cost-of-service study completed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs in June 2009. The study, which was the most detailed and exhaustive ever by the U.S. Department of State, established the true cost of providing these consular services, which the department recovers through the collection of fees. A full list of adjusted fees can be viewed at www.travel.state.gov. For more information e-mail fees@state.gov. (PR)

Tinian lawmakers want \$43,000 for scholarship fund

Tinian lawmakers passed on Wednesday a local bill restoring and giving a total of \$43,000 to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Fund.

House Local Bill 17-23, introduced by Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian), appropriates \$24,000 in local license fees collected from poker and pachinko slot machines on Tinian, and re-appropriates \$19,000 from Tinian Local Laws 16-6 and 16-9, to go toward student scholarships.

Conner said his bill will restore funding for the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Fund that was earlier provided to cover for the two payrolls of Tinian Health Center nurses and auxiliary staff.

HLB 17-23, which the Tinian Legislative Delegation passed during its session on Wednesday, is now awaiting Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's action.

Under the local bill, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board will be the expenditure authority.

On June 16, then acting Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a local law appropriating \$92,000 for Tinian programs and activities, including \$42,000 for the two pay periods in April and May of Tinian nurses.

Portions of the \$42,000 for the nurses' payroll were taken from the scholarship fund. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

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Fund: DPL remits \$1.2M employer contribution

» PSS urged to pay \$200K rental, unpaid contribution

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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The NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees praised yesterday the proactive approach of Public Lands Secretary Oscar Babauta in settling the department's outstanding obligation with the agency and urged the Public School System to address its longstanding obligation as well.

Fund deputy administrator Richard Villagomez reported in yesterday's board meeting that DPL, after negotiations with the Fund, remitted \$1.2 million in unpaid employer contributions this week—a move that the board said should be

imitated by other autonomous agencies like PSS.

It was learned that besides the over \$17 million that PSS owes in unpaid contributions, it is also behind in its rental payment, amounting to nearly \$200,000 to date.

PSS has been renting the Fund building's second and third floors since 2000 for about \$20,000 a month.

According to Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon, PSS usually pays the Fund every six months.

When the board asked about the status of PSS' accounts, it was reported that "the system has no money to pay us because no money has been

transferred yet from the general fund."

Villagomez said the Fund had contacted newly hired PSS finance director Richard Waldo about the matter but he has yet to commit funding for this purpose.

Fund trustees earlier threatened to sue agencies that fail to settle their accounts, with board chair Sixto Igisomar stressing that the board is "very serious" in running after these unpaid obligations.

It was reported that except for DPL, no other agencies has approached the Fund to settle their obligations.

Negotiations are ongoing between the Tinian Municipality

treasurer and the Fund management but no payment plan has been finalized to date.

"We need to convert those deficiencies into immediate cash....and we're very serious [about this goal]," Igisomar said in yesterday's meeting.

As of March this year, autonomous agencies had a total of \$29.3 million in unpaid contributions to the Fund.

PSS had the biggest obligation, \$17.042 million; followed by the Northern Marianas College, with \$5.978 million; Commonwealth Utilities Corp., \$3.2 million; Tinian Municipal Treasurer, \$2.1 million; Marianas Visitors Authority, \$654,466; and Commonwealth Ports Authority, \$238,169.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 2, 1999

Street naming project sparks racial debate

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation failed yesterday to resolve differences on the long-stalled street naming project of the Office of the Mayor as members fought over whether Chamorro or Carolinian names will be used for the plan. This was the same argument when the lawmaking body tackled the proposal last December which ended only after Saipan legislators agreed to provide a 90-day review to consider a recommendation from the Carolinian community. That period expired a few months ago and some legislators charged local officials of not taking into account the suggestion since the Office of the Mayor has presented the same plan that had drawn protests in the past.

Legislators bicker over inmate release program

Tailored after an existing program in Las Vegas, SB 11-141 seeks the establishment of the same program in the CNMI in view of the poor jail conditions and lack of government efforts to help inmates reform and do something productive inside the jail. But the House, during its session last week, amended the bill to change the distribution of the salary anticipated to be earned by inmates from the program -- a move that Cing said defeated the purpose of the proposal. Under his measure, half of the income will go to the maintenance of the jail and the housing needs of the inmate, 30 percent to his bank account, 15 percent for his pocket money and the rest for his family.

July 2, 2001

Bidder files protest against DPW

A bidder aspiring for the Marpi Solid Waste Facility project is protesting the government's plan to award the project to a rival company on grounds of bias. The joint venture of Western Equipment Inc. and DRC Pacific Inc., through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, filed its initial protest to the Department of Public Works, following the agency's intention to award the contract to the Dick Pacific Corporation/Pacific Drilling Ltd. In a June 1 letter by public works Secretary Juan B. Cepeda to DPC/PDL Vice President Keith L. Farrell, DPW expressed its desire to hire the joint venture's services, saying that it was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

No need to pay up front at hospitals, HMAA assures

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is pushing through with its plan to hire the Hawaii Management Alliance Association to enable government insurance subscribers to get needed medical treatment off-island without being asked to pay up front. During last Thursday's board meeting, the Fund's trustees discussed with Arnold M. Baptiste Sr., HMAA founder and chairman, the specifics of the contract that would facilitate the off-island medical treatment of Government Group Health and Life Insurance subscribers. In his presentation, Baptiste said that, once HMAA takes over the medical referral services of the Fund, GHLI subscribers can receive treatment at selected hospitals in Hawaii, the Philippines and even the US mainland at lower rates and without being asked to pay a deposit in advance.

July 2, 2002

Lower budget seen in revised submission

The administration submitted a revised budget to the Legislature yesterday, although Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente declined to discuss its specifics until legislative leaders have time to go over it. Finance Secretary Frankie Villanueva said yesterday, however, that a downward revision is a distinct possibility due to the recent passage of a bill that increased the license fees for poker and pachinko machines, resulting in fewer license renewals. In a bid to beat the July 1 deadline, Benavente and Senior Policy Advisor Robert Schwalbach were still working on the transmittal to the Legislature as of 6:30pm yesterday but Schwalbach assured that the revised submission would be faxed to the Legislature immediately.

Saipan becoming a haven for Japan company tours

With their casual shorts and shirts damp from soaking in the beach waters, more than 200 Japanese visitors—shouting, laughing and frolicking—spiced up the usually quiet sunset by the lagoon, with groups carrying one comrade after another and throwing them again for a splash. These were employees of the Japan-based Haru Corp., who came to Saipan for a company tour. Hiroaki Mizuno, the president of the corporation, said his group totaled 240.

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Enough debt, already

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The world's leading economies had a message for President Obama over the weekend: Enough, already. You know the U.S. has gone way, way down the path toward unsustainable debt when governments in Europe—spendaholic Europe—lecture the administration on fiscal restraint, and ultimately carry the day.

That's what happened at the recent Group of 20 summit in Toronto, and not a minute too soon.

Washington already has bequeathed to our descendants a national debt of \$13 trillion and rising. Americans understand that the recovery is slow, and no one wants to short-circuit it. That said, a huge amount of federal spending remains in the pipeline from the original Obama stimulus package. That should be enough federal grease for the economy; stimulus spending's beneficial economic effect is overrated, anyway.

Pouring on still more deficit spending would make it all the harder to pay off retirement and health care obligations. If Americans lose confidence in the government's ability to deliver many of those benefits, they would save, not spend, and the pace of commerce would slow, not accelerate. Countries like Germany have gotten the message that racking up more debt is self-sabotage.

Congress, too, is starting to get that message, however belatedly. The House on Tuesday showed courage (as the Senate did last week) in rejecting the administration-backed jobs legislation. Unemployment checks extending up to 99 weeks instead of the usual 26 add more indebtedness. Allowing unemployment benefits to return to a standard time period would allow a natural evolution into more normal economic times ... and suggest that Congress finally is getting serious about pinching pennies.

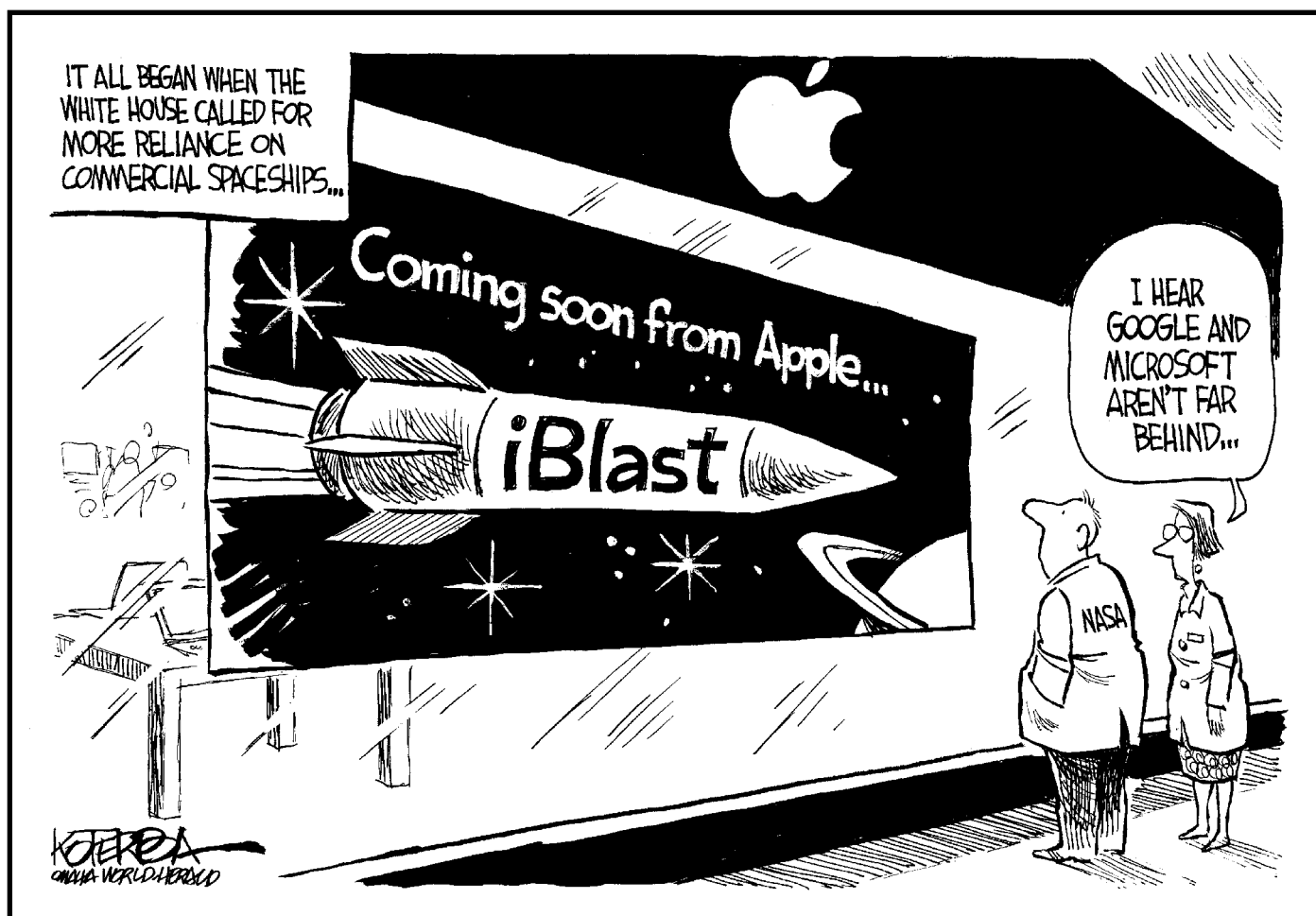
This being Congress, however, the good news about debt containment walks hand-in-hand with the bad: Sure enough, the sweeping financial reform now in play on Capitol Hill could deal a blow to the recovery just as it's struggling to gain momentum. That's a dangerous risk. One terrific way to lower this nation's stratospheric debt load is for a reviving economy to send bountiful tax revenues to Washington.

But the reform package will hurt more than help if it results in banks and other lenders continuing to deny credit to business borrowers. Even with the economy beginning to grow, and corporate profits rising, bankers remain afraid to lend. Much of the problem comes down to confidence, which is undermined by huge government deficits, the rising national debt—and the logical assumption that Washington will impose higher taxes to pay for it all.

Here's the news flash for Congress: The U.S. economy is hungry for credit. Making credit more costly—as this package does by adding regulations on lenders, increasing their expenses, and limiting the capital they have available to lend—will slow the recovery and the tax revenues it will produce.

Yes, this business of curtailing federal indebtedness involves lots of moving parts: The Europeans were right to confront Obama, and we hope he got the message. We also hope Congress doesn't let the death of another stimulus plan be its last exercise in fiscal responsibility. And we hope that whatever financial reform bill emerges from Washington won't do too much damage to the ability of banks to lend.

If those three things don't happen, this will be a long, long road to recovery—and an even longer road to reducing the national debt.



Bike Trails 5: Crime and corruption

By JAIME VERGARA

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Street level view on a bicycle on Saipan is not all that rosy under the flame trees and the Garapan Fishing Base Liberation Day gaiety. Crime from petty theft of the *ladrones* to the sticky fingers of those handling other people's financial assets (public and private) and the many points in between are in the news showing a soft social underbelly of a society under economic stress. That would be a convenient excuse, but it is neither an adequate explanation nor a justification for the breath of occurrences.

A teacher colleague in As Lito had a poodle that was her baby. The dog would stay at her mother's feet or wander about the house while Mama did early chores at 6am prior to heading out to school at 7am. Last week, the poodle went out to do her business. As often is the case between pets and owners, they developed similar habits, so poodle went to the garage to locate her favored spot and mother headed for the bathroom. The poodle yelped a couple of times while mother was in the restroom. That was the last sound mother heard of her baby. Someone evidently scooped the poodle off the open garage, which had to be very deliberate since the garage is quite recessed from the roadside. This was a clear case of dognapping.

That is a mild case of theft compared to the gruesome incident of the missing nightclub operator. Classified as a taxi driver in earlier reports and clarified later as merely in the habit of helping out neighbors in need with transport requirements (the sanitizing effort belied the fact that many unemployed foreign nationals do work as drivers of a network of informal transport providers), he ran errands for people who called for rides.

But the alleged gory scene in his car, of blood splattered inside the vehicle, is life imitating the exploits of detectives Tom Parker and Carlos Montano, characters in the four-novel series of Joe Saipan Mango Race's *Movin' On*, *Continuin' On*, *Ramblin' On*, and *Travelin' On* set in Micronesia. The young man had a reputation of being brash and cocky on island, and was suspected of having incurred the wrath of unsavory elements back home. The word is out that he was sent to Saipan to protect himself from violent elements. His disappearance might just be a case of the long arm of the *Tong's* call on debts and obligations. Still, DPS has a crime to solve.

Crime as corruption in high places comes now in alleged mismanaged funds at PSS. An OPA audit of PSS 2009 finances was requested. The allegations are procedural, whether certain decisions were made following legal guidelines; it is also budgetary integrity on whether funds allocated for something is surreptitiously used elsewhere. We will dismiss the adherence to legal guidelines as superfluous. It is a common practice. Are we suddenly interested in being procedurally clean, or do we care if a needed job is getting done? It would be nice to have both but alleged corruptions are often systemic.

After Cory replaced Marcos in the Philippines, aid agencies empowered front line troops after more than a decade of top-down executive decisions. We assisted credit unions and cooperatives across the country in their operations. One identified need was computers. Following established procedures, the supplier's winning bid was a couple of thousand pesos lower than the budgetary allocation. The

parties involved preferred that we spent the budgeted amount because if we didn't, it would lower the allocation for the next budget cycle. We came up with the vendor writing the difference to a foundation helping the credit unions and cooperatives improve their capabilities. Ingenious, but corrupt.

Budgets are either clear mandates that tolerate no deviation, or guidelines to modulate executive decisions on the basis of need. With the frequent invocation of emergency powers by Ben and Eloy, we get a sense of their current perspective. For PSS, if we are just haggling over the boundaries of what may be charged against "professional development," or whether a certain position has been certified prior to appointment, OPA might have better use of its time. This smells politically motivated.

Frequenting the lagoon for therapeutic swimming, we started picking up seashells encrusted with sand mixed with the original occupant's saliva, taken over by scavenging crabs, cleaning them to restore them to their pristine condition. What is revealed after chipping off layers of accretions are vestiges of worms and other parasites that left their telltale presence on the body of the shell. There is no pristine condition.

In the tradition of naturalist Loren Eiseley, we watch the state of the natural order and ponder the human condition. One asks what incrustations have been allowed into our individual and corporate bodies that lend ourselves subject to the easy sway of routine and unthought-through suasions? What hold of precedence might we be liberated from in order to meet the freshness of an open future? Crime and corruption are often knee jerk responses honed through years of surviving, practices that become a matter of course. "I can't help it" is but a lame excuse to being victims of our habits. Yesterday's survival skill is often today's corrupting practice.

But these are worries of armchair quarterbacks. Our alert is simpler, mostly avoiding being run over by careening gas and warehouse trucks, or nudge off the road by motorist oblivious of cyclists. In a 5- by 12-mile island, why would anyone be in a hurry? It is no comfort that DPS are telling motorist that pedal and motor bikers have as much right to the road as other motorists. Being dead right is still being dead!

Contrary to popular illusion, crime and corruption does pay. But we need not be subject to our knee-jerk greed and patterns of survival. At the core of our humanity is the power to choose. Reflect. Decide. Act.

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Who's your sergeant?

One of the most consistent gripes from Saipan's tourists concerns sub-par customer service. I don't want to read too much into this, since this is a complaint that is going to crop up anywhere, so it's hard to separate the fundamental problems from the background noise. And, in fact, I think Saipan's workers are far better than the international average in customer service. But on the management side of things, I have seen cases where we can improve.

I'm not some armchair gadfly on that note, and certainly no café critic. Having worked in the CNMI tourism industry's entire spectrum, from consultant, to manager, to marketer, to guy that actually provides tours, I've dealt with this stuff from a lot of angles.

Unfortunately, the unhappy events sometimes are the most instructive. So here I go:

During a week when I was writing ad copy to promote Saipan for a tourism company, and my golden prose was laying it on pretty thick about how nice we are in paradise, I was buying some stuff in a small Saipan store very much along the beaten path for Japanese tourists. Therein were a couple of Japanese visitors with about twenty bucks worth of merchandise. They were trying to cash out, and they handed the store's clerk a fist full of yen at the register.

Easy. Right?

Wrong. The clerk immediately blue-screened. Nothing happened.

The Japanese waited.

I waited, too, since I was next in line to check out.

Another guy behind me waited.

And the clerk just stood there.

The guy behind me left.

Time stood still. It seemed to become a test of will between the cashier and the Japanese, like some cowboy movie at high noon. I half-expected to hear a lonely coyote howling in the distance.

The clerk won. Not by being fast on the draw, but by being slow on the uptake. The Japanese customers finally left, with their yen, and without their merchandise.

I didn't fault the clerk. I was a clerk, too, when I was younger. True, even as a kid I had a lot more poise than this person did, but that doesn't change the fact that a clerk's job is to be a clerk, not to be a problem solver. There's a difference, you know.

Later this month, I'll specifically address the issue of accepting yen (or whatever other money you might be dealing with) in Commonwealth retail establishments, since it's an issue I've had to deal with. But this time around, let's take a broader view of our little case study.

But as a little preview to the yen issue, it was obvious that the store simply didn't have a system in place to address the eventuality of Japanese tourists trying to pay in Japanese cash. That's not the clerk's fault. That's a management shortcoming.

Anyway, more to the point today, there was evidently no manager, and certainly no owner, on the premises. Again, you can't blame the clerk for that either, since clerks don't determine staffing policy.

But what was truly amazing in this age of the cell phone is that the clerk apparently didn't even have anyone to call to get an immediate, real-time solution to the problem. I think that any Commonwealth retail business that can't get a manager on the phone within 30 seconds, and a simple decision made within 60, is toast.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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These situations seem to arise when business owners try to save money by scrimping on the management side of things. When I say "management," I mean genuine, hands-on, retail managers, as opposed to bean-counters.

Retail managers are the sergeants of commerce. Those of you who have served in the military know that it's the sergeants (or, in the Navy and Coast Guard, the petty officers) who are the backbone of the service. These are the guys, and gals, who GET THINGS DONE. And I mean the real things. The important things. The things in the field.

Furthermore, retail floor managers are not (from what I've seen) highly paid, be it in Saipan or even in the mainland. So they're not expensive. I can't think of better bang for the buck than hiring a good retail sergeant who can get the job done, come Hades or high water.

The Commonwealth's retail business owners might want to consider this question: Who is your sergeant? And if he or she isn't immediately available during business hours, well, why not?

When times are tough, the tough get educated

Congress is currently considering appropriating \$10 billion to help state and territorial governments maintain school funding. With revenue shortfalls in almost all states and territories now, the federal government is a last hope to preserve jobs for teachers and keep schools open five days a week. I believe that it is precisely when the economy is down that we should be investing more in educating ourselves and others in our society.

It's a well-documented fact: When the economy goes south, more people decide to go to school. They know that bringing their skills up-to-date, or investing in new skills, makes them more employable when the economy picks up. They know that investing in their own education will reap financial benefits for them in the future.

So it seems strange that when the economy goes south, governments do just the opposite of what individuals do. Governments start cutting expenditures for education. Of course, governments don't have unlimited funds. And when revenues are short, something has to be cut. But education?

I think that in times of economic crisis like this, when funds are limited, it is more important than ever for the government to spend

wisely and invest in public services, like education, that give the best return.

It's not easy to have that discipline. The immediate benefits of education are hard to see, unless you have a child in school and can watch them grow in learning week by week.

And the benefits of education are spread wide to many people, while governments often respond to the few who have influence or the loudest voices.

Yet an educated workforce is what propels our economy forward, driving innovation, and keeping us competitive in the regional and global markets. And an educated community is healthier, happier, and more able to make the decisions that will keep our islands—and our island culture—alive and well throughout the challenges of the 21st century.

I know that money is tight right now for everyone. Our families as well as our Commonwealth government are struggling to pay for basic services, but cutting funding for education is not the solution. That's why we are working in Congress to provide \$10 billion in emergency education aid that can be used to save teachers' jobs, keep schools open five days a week, and make sure curriculums provide the skills our children will need when

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they enter the workforce.

It's a lot of money, but it's also a great investment, and only a fraction of what the big banks and brokerage houses got to prop themselves up.

Sure it's important that the large financial institutions don't fall apart. But it's just as important to support the smallest financial institutions—individual households and families. And nothing ensures their prosperity better than making sure those families have access to good education.

So when you hear people say we can't afford to spend on education, just tell them: we can't afford not to.

Thousands of Abby Sunderlands in our midst

By KARIN KLEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A brave teenager came to mind the other day. She is a 15-year-old girl who had served time for drugs and robbery, and had decided to shed her past and do well in school. But the streets were a constant danger. She told me, in her gentle voice, how afraid she was to leave her high school every day because of the gangs that prowled off campus. Her family had worked out a plan for her: Go to a relative's house nearby until her brother could pick her up and take her home.

Paradoxically, I thought of this girl and other teenagers I met during a year of covering Locke, because of Abby Sunderland, the bold 16-year-old who plied the ocean, got herself into a sea of trouble and then was rescued as the world watched and fretted. Child experts and adventuring spirits took vehement positions on whether Abby was the offspring of a reckless and publicity-seeking family or a heroine who pointed out the error in our common wisdom that children should be inoculated against every hazard. But the stories of the Locke High School teenagers give us a third way to look at this: Abby Shmabby.

Oh, sure, I appreciate her fearlessness, or ability to overcome fear. At the same time, I despair of the foolishness that sends a young person out to sea alone knowing that the timing of her departure will bring her to the south Indian Ocean at a particularly treacherous time.

But mostly, I wonder about the nature of actions that grab our collective attention, and those that go ignored.

Dangerous as it is to attempt a solo circumnavigation of the globe, thousands of teenagers in Southern California have their own extraordinary tales of grit. They conquer their fears and losses, and muster the determination and maturity to navigate neighborhoods as fearsome as 20-foot waves to get to school. They stick with their studies even when they're sailing solo in their pursuit of excellence. And no one races to their rescue when trouble hits.

Say what you will about Abby's parents, they buoyed her with support of every kind. A super-safe boat with special watertight compartments, various emergency beacons, drysuit, you name it. They made sure she had oodles of coaching, family-taught skills and adult-led supervision so she could tackle those dangers. They were even prepared for the dangerous shoals of a possible reality show. And when Abby got in trouble on the seas, the world came to her rescue.

The world doesn't galvanize for that kind of rescue in neighborhoods where children have trouble getting to school safely because each block on the way is controlled by a different gang. They go to campuses that usually aren't set up for their success. Some have supportive families that try to guide them, but others don't. Some don't have families at all; more than 20 percent of Locke students are in the foster-care system. Many don't even get enough to eat. Yet, some of them push themselves every day to go to school to try for a better future.

I met a lot of kids like that at Locke.

One senior told me about how much he was looking forward to attending George Washington University, where he'd been accepted after racking up an impressive list of Advanced Placement courses. Reaching that lofty place took years of planning that included plot-

ting a safe route to school, past the different gang factions.

Then there was the girl who showed up every day even though she was preoccupied with fears about her home life. Her only relative was a grandmother who was well into her 80s and beginning to ail; she worried constantly about what would happen if her grandmother died. One boy had parents who paid so little attention to his schooling that he had collected only eight of the 23 credits he was supposed to have by age 17. But then he re-committed himself to his studies and became a devotee of Chaucer.

And there was the young man who had missed so many classes, lured by his friends on the street, that by the middle of senior year, he was miles short of graduation. He dropped out, but changed his mind months later, returning to school the next fall and enrolling in online classes where students could study as hard and collect credits as quickly as they chose. He found he had a penchant for philosophy, put in extra time at school and earned his diploma well before the end of the school year.






Abby asked to take on her sailing obstacles; these kids didn't. With Abby reaching home and the hubbub about her—wunderkind or publicity junkie?—rising again, it's a good time to spare some attention for kids who don't have parents to underwrite their dreams. Not that I'm looking to denigrate the skills and moxie required to take on Abby's impressive outing. I just wish that we as a society were better at noticing and admiring the teenagers who pull off equally daunting and praiseworthy feats every day, in our midst.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. Southeast winds around 10 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 80
Palau	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Showers	▲ 89 ▼ 77
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 78

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 60 ▼ 47
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 74
Honolulu	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 74 ▼ 60
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 56 ▼ 43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 80
New York	Sunny	▲ 82 ▼ 64
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 64
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 77 ▼ 70
Rome	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 67
Salem	Showers	▲ 67 ▼ 49
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 73
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 74
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 66

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
5:56 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	
10:34 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet	
5:25 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southwestward from 14N147E to 8N143E. Scattered showers are located over Guam and Rota within an area bounded by a line from 11N143E to 8N149E to 12N153E to 15N150E back to 11N143E. A mid- to upper-level low is currently centered at 28N153E. Convergent low-level winds are combining with upper-level divergence to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Minami Tori Shima or north of a line from 21N149E to 21N160E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers northwest of Koror within 100 miles of a line from 7N135E to 11N132E. Scattered Showers and a few thunderstorms are also found east of Majuro between 5N and 8N from 172E to the date line.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:51 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:43 PM	10:18 AM
Saturday	11:17 PM	11:04 AM
Sunday	11:53 PM	11:51 AM
Monday		12:39 AM
Tuesday	12:32 AM	1:30 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM C09317 4:25am 5:15am Daily C09313 8:30am 9:20am Daily C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm Daily C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily	GUAM-SAIPAN C09316 2:45am 3:35am Daily C09596 7:00am 7:50am Daily C09600 10:05am 10:55am Daily C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 5:55am 8:35am Daily DL297 3:35pm 6:15pm Daily DL289 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL290 10:00am 2:35pm Daily DL298 10:30am 3:05pm Daily DL288 8:40pm 1:15am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:20am 6:50am 1, 5	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 2:20am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) OZ604 2:20am 6:10am 1 OZ604 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 OZ606 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN OZ605 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 OZ603 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 OZ603 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) FM844 2:50am 5:40am 2, 6	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN FM843 7:15pm 1:50am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) CZ3008 3:30am 6:40am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN CZ3007 7:30pm 2:40am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) OZ604/701 2:20am 11:25am 1 via ICN OZ604/701 2:50am 11:25am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN OZ606/703 2:20am 11:00pm 1 via ICN OZ606/703 2:50am 11:00pm 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN OZ608/705 3:20am 12:10am+1 1, 5 via PUS C09317/891 4:25am 9:45am 6 via GUM C09603/893 3:05pm 9:10pm 3, 5 via GUM-Palau C09603/933 3:05pm 8:40pm Daily via GUM	MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN OZ704/605 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN OZ706/607 3:35am 2:20am+1 4, 7 via PUS C0890/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 6 via GUM OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN OZ702/603 12:45pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM C0892/9596 10:10pm 7:50am+1 3, 5 via GUM-Palau C0934/9596 10:55pm 7:50am+1 Daily via GUM
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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota-Guam			
	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily
Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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Ryan Ortizo presented with congressional commendation



U.S. Rep. Gregorio Sablan (D-MP) presents to Ryan Bradley Ortizo a certificate of commendation for his latest achievement in the NFL national.

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Ryan Bradley Ortizo was presented with a certificate of commendation by U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili Sablan in recognition of his exceptional performance and achievement in a national competition in Missouri last month.

The 17-year-old was the first CNMI student to be awarded the Show Me Excellence Award by the National Forensic League organizers for making it to the national events in four consecutive years.

Of the more than 3,200 high school students all over the United States who competed in NFL national events this year, only 28 individuals were accorded this honor.

Sablan said the commendation also aims to encourage young adults on island to strive for excellence in their education and other fields.

Sablan said his office will continue to partner with PSS in providing needed resources for students. He said that it is through "planting seeds" that

the CNMI can produce the best results for its future.

"I am very honored to receive this prestigious commendation and I thank Congressman Sablan for this memorable recognition," Ortizo said after the simple ceremony at Sablan's office yesterday morning.

Ortizo, who came with his family and friends, was surprised upon learning about the honor. "I was surprised! I didn't know that this ceremony was for me."

Ortizo was Mount Carmel School's top graduate this year. He will go to New York University this Fall to pursue a pre-medicine course. He wants to become a lawyer, too. He was also a champion of numerous local poetry and speech competitions such as the annual Sengabau Poetry Contest and the Attorney Generals' Cup.

Ortizo is the oldest son of Roy and Myrna Ortizo.

"My family and I are extremely happy and thankful to Congressman Sablan for giving our son, Ryan, a surprise congressional commendation. We're very honored and thankful for the support he has given

our son. We hope that he will continue to help and support our CNMI children," she said.

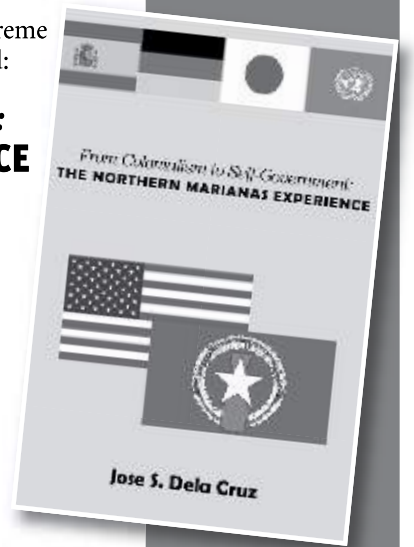
BOOK-SIGNING ANNOUNCEMENT

Jose S. Dela Cruz, retired chief justice of the CNMI Supreme Court, announces the publication of his new book titled:

From Colonialism To Self-Government: **THE NORTHERN MARIANAS EXPERIENCE**

A book-signing ceremony will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

Retired justice Dela Cruz will talk about his new book and the reasons for writing the book. He will then take questions from members of the audience present. Afterwards, copies of the book will be available for sale by the staff of the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. He will then make himself available for book signing.



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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 019 130, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 948 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON THE SURVEY PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF LOT 019 104, DLS CHECK NO. 019 102, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS FILED WITH THE COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S OFFICE, AS FILE NO. 91-2320, ON MAY 13, 1991.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment on the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Notice of Default on January 21, 2009. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC SS 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than Eighty-Eight Thousand Thirty and 00/100 (\$88,030.00), the total amount due under the VA loan.

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Demapan sets oral argument in Govendo case

Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan has scheduled an oral argu-

ment on the motions filed by Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo in connection with the disciplinary proceedings against Govendo.

The argument will be held in the Supreme Court courtroom on July 15 at 2:30pm.

Demapan said the argument will be on Govendo's motion for summary disposition and motion to allow video coverage of the proceedings.

"As the parties did not file any other motions, no other matters shall be discussed," said Demapan in a one-page order.

The formal hearing was set for Oct. 15, 2010.

The case arose after Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona, in November 2008 decision, noted Govendo's violation of the "principles of judicial decorum and temperance" in a family law case.

Manglona's complaint prompted Demapan to appoint retired Guam Superior Court judge Richard Benson to look into the complaint.

Benson subsequently recommended formal disciplinary proceedings against Govendo for professional misconduct.

Govendo denied the alleged violations. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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Saipan, Guam musicians join forces for LibDay performance

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Junior and high school musicians from Saipan and Guam will render special performances this weekend during the Liberation Day festivities and in a mini-concert Saturday in Garapan.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Happy birthday to Natsu Ko-meiji who is celebrating her 26th birthday today, July 2! Wishing you the best on your special day! Much love coming from your fiancé Chris A. Concepcion and the rest of your Chalan Piao family! Kampai!

The "Pride of the Pacific Marching Alliance" is a jointly sponsored ensemble that comprises musicians from Saipan Southern High School, Guam High School, Simon Sanchez High School, George Washington High School, Guam Territorial Band, The Saipan Pacific Winds Concert Band, and alumni of all of these bands. It is currently the only home-grown marching band in the Marianas.

The ensemble will be under the direction of Jayke Mafnas of the Guam Territorial Band, Will DeWitt of Saipan Southern High School, Maximo Ronquillo Jr. of George Washington High School, and Atsuko Eck of the Saipan Pacific Winds.

The band's members are currently preparing and rehearsing at Saipan Southern High School's band room in an intensive educational band camp setting that involves more than

eight hours per day of musical and marching drills.

The group will perform John Phillip Sousa's invigorating *Bullets and Bayonets March* in the Liberation Day parade this Sunday.

On July 3 at 2pm, the 40-piece band will present a free mini-concert at DFS Galleria in the central corridor shopping area, showcasing several bonus selections that will not be heard during the parade on Sunday.

The public is invited to join and enjoy these exceptional summer pops music.

The musicians cited SSS principal Craig Garrison for his support. According to DeWitt, Garrison's support for the arts has been key to the success of the Manta Ray Band and the Pacific Winds Ensemble.

Early this year the SSS Manta Band won the silver award in the New York International

Music Competition, held at the Carnegie Hall in New York City. The young musicians were also champions in last year's Tumon Bay Music Festival in Guam.

DeWitt said the "Pride of the Pacific Marching Alliance" is thankful to Wayne Pangelinan and the Ladera International School for hosting the guests from Guam throughout the duration of

their stay on Saipan. They also lauded the DFS management for providing the venue for the mini-concert on Saturday and the Public School System for making music and the arts a priority in schools.

Mount Carmel student makes it to nat'l scholars group

Mount Carmel High School student Ann Gelika M. Elenzano from Saipan has been selected for inclusion in the National Society of High School Scholar for achieving academic excellence.

The announcement was made yesterday by the Society's founder and chairman, Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel prizes.

"On behalf on NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commit-

ment that Ann Gelika has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence," said Nobel. "Ann Gelika is now a member of a unique community of scholars-a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resource, and opportunities," said NSHSS president James Lewis. "We

aim the help students like Ann Gelika build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academics competitions, free events, members-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items, and public-honors. (PR)



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Kilili: Accurate COLA needed as number of SS recipients goes up

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan released data yesterday on the steadily increasing number of Social Security recipients in the Northern Mariana Islands and reiterated his concern that benefits keep pace with the cost of living.

"There are 2,431 Social Security recipient in the Northern Marianas as of 2009," said Sablan. "And the number is growing every year. So it becomes increasingly important that we make sure that the benefits those 2,431 individuals receive keep up with the cost of living. It is hard enough to get by on a Social Security check, even harder if that check has less and less spending power at the store."

Sablan has co-sponsored H.R. 2365, the Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act. This requires the U.S. Department of

Labor to prepare and publish a monthly Consumer Price Index for those aged 62 and over. The bill also requires the new CPIEC

to be used in the computation of cost-of-living increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

"Elderly Social Security beneficiaries have living costs that are not necessarily captured in the regular Consumer Price Index," said Sablan. "In particular, the elderly spend more on health care; and health care costs are rising faster than overall costs."

The Congressional Research Service reports that those aged 65 and older spend more than twice as large a share of their total outlays on health care as does the overall population. With respect to the population aged 75 and older, the share of their spending allo-

cated to health care is close to three times as large as that of the total population.

H.R. 2365 would require the new CPIEC to be used in the computation of cost-of-living increases for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Wider benefit of Social Security to CNMI

Aside from the question of making sure that Social Security benefits for the elderly keep up with cost of living, the data Sablan released also underscore the importance of federal Social Security benefits in the overall CNMI economy.

"Social Security benefits put \$15 million into the pockets of beneficiaries in the Northern Marianas last year. And most of that money goes directly into the economy to pay for food and utilities and the other basic necessities of life. It is important to pay attention to that stream

of income flowing into our local economy," said Sablan.

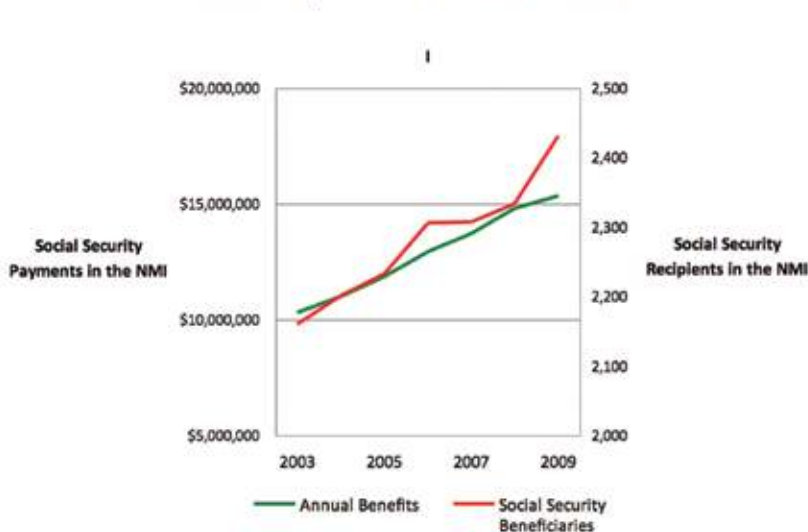
Total Social Security payments to individuals in the NMI have increased from about \$10 million in 2003 to \$15 million in 2009. Average payments to individuals have tended to increase also. But last year broke with the trend and the average payments to individuals declined.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act did compensate for that dip by providing a \$250 check to Social Security recipients nationwide, including those in the CNMI.

"That one-time Recovery Act check provided a little bit of help to the elderly and some veterans who were also eligible," Sablan noted. "And it pumped another much-needed \$640,000 into our economy."

Of the 2,431 Social Security recipients in the Northern Mariana Islands in 2009, 1,502 are retirees, widows, and widowers, who are mostly elderly. The rest are disabled workers and children. (PR)

Social Security Benefits and Beneficiaries in the NMI



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Congress votes to rein in Wall Street and protect consumers

The U.S. House of Representatives voted yesterday to approve major legislation designed to end the bailouts of big banks and create a consumer financial protection bureau that finally puts consumers first.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act will end the era of abuses by "too big to fail" banks that have cost the American people 8 million jobs and \$17 trillion in retirement savings and net worth. The vote was 237-192. Only three Republicans voted in favor of the reform bill.

"Wall Street reform isn't something happening on the other side of the world with no impact on the CNMI," said U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. "We've seen the NMI Retirement Fund lose tens of millions of dollars as a direct result of the recklessness and greed on Wall Street. And I'm sure there were individual investors in the Northern Marianas who have also seen the value of their retirement accounts and other investments plummet over the last two years."

Sablan said the Act will help prevent the risky financial practices that led to the financial meltdown and stop large financial firms from gambling with Americans' retirement and college savings.

The bill creates a process to shut down large, failing firms whose collapse would put the entire economy at risk. After exhausting all of the company's assets, additional costs would be covered by a "dissolution fund," to which all large financial firms would contribute.

"The bill also creates a new consumer protection agency that will help protect people

from unfair and abusive financial practices," said Sablan. "The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will set standards to prevent hidden credit card fees, deceptive 'fine print,' and other financial abuses that too many of us have experienced first-hand."

"It actually builds on the Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights that we passed last year and which began to go into effect in February."

The new CFPB will have authority to take on predatory lending, payday loans, check cashers, and overdraft fees. And the CFPB is given broad authority to move quickly if Wall Street, the big banks, and the credit card industry invent new hidden fees and abusive practices.

"The bill should also help retailers on swipe fees," Sablan added. "When a customer uses a debit card, the retailer can pay between 1 and 2 percent to the bank. When the customer uses a credit card to make a purchase, the swipe fee can be in excess of 2 percent. The act requires that those fees have to be 'reasonable and proportionate to processing costs.' Merchants could also give customers a discount for using cash and could restrict debit card purchases to a \$10 minimum."

The bill has been endorsed by the AARP, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, Council of Institutional Investors, National Fair Housing Alliance, National Restaurant Association, Public Citizen, SEIU, and US PIRG, among other organizations.

The Senate must now vote on the conference report, before the bill goes to the President for signature. (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**NMI biz urged to take part in surveys**

Today, July 2, 2010, is the last opportunity for businesses in the CNMI to participate in the first CNMI business confidence survey being conducted by the University of Guam – Pacific Center for Economic Initiatives.

Both the business confidence survey and the related consumer confidence survey are anonymous and can be completed online. The results of this survey will be another important tool for the business community, the local government, and the federal government in evaluating the CNMI economy. The business confidence survey is at <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/311781/141d/> and the consumer confidence survey is at <http://www.keysurvey.com/survey/311782/3d41/>. (SCC)

Free film screening at AMP

The Division of Environmental Quality and the National Park Service have partnered to organize free environmen-

tal film screenings on the first Friday of every month. The first event will be held today at the American Memorial Park visitors' center at 7pm. Sponsored by the Mariana Island Nature Alliance, the film *Black Wave* will be shown. *Black Wave* is a documentary that chronicles the 20-year legacy of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Following the film, CNMI oil spill response agents will discuss and answer audience questions concerning the current oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and CNMI spill response measures. For more information, visit <http://firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com/>. (PR)

NMC seeks public input on new president's qualifications

The Northern Marianas College Search Committee is inviting public input on the qualifications of a new NMC president. Those who wish to submit input may attend the public meeting of the Search Committee at 11am on Friday, July 2, 2010, at the Board of Regents conference room at NMC. Additional meetings will be scheduled later. (PR)

Chamber sets monthly meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its general membership meeting next Wednesday, July 7, at the Sandcastle of the Hyatt Regency Saipan. The speaker at the meeting will be Gary Liddle, who is heading up the newly-reestablished CNMI Small Business Development Center. Liddle will talk about the SBDC and its mission and services. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at 12pm. The meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for general public. (SCC)

NMC extends alumni survey deadline

The Northern Marianas College is inviting all 2009 graduates to participate in an online survey that will help the college track and measure graduates' educational pursuits and employment since graduation.

The deadline to fill the survey has been extended to July 18, 2010. The college will be using the collected data

to improve its programs in order to better meet the educational and workforce needs of the community.

To access the survey, contact NMC institutional researcher Lisa Hacskeylo at 234-5498 ext. 1029 or lisah@nmc-net.edu, or NMC Alumni president Jack Kiyoshi at Ext. 1021 or jackk@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

Calling on all court translators, interpreters

The CNMI Superior Court is in the process of updating its list of translators and interpreters. If you are on the Superior Court list or interested in becoming one, you will need to go to the Office of the Clerk of Court and pick up an application form. Application processing is free. Bring a copy of your photo ID. For more information contact Elsa Duenas-Nieto at 236-9765 or Julie Ilo at 236-9774. (PR)

Marianas Agupa lineup for radio talk show

■ Ways and Means chair Rep. Ray Basa will be featured on Saturday, July

3, 2010. Topic of discussion will be on the austerity measure and the 2011 budget.

■ Secretary of Public Lands Oscar Babauta will be featured on Saturday, July 10, 2010. The topic of discussion will be on current public land leases and revenue.

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INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-079

"DESKTOPS AND LAPTOPS FOR GARAPAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GES)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Desktops and Laptops for Garapan Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning June 25, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-079" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 7, 2010 at 9:00a.m.**, at which bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

'Fire may have been caused by CUC line'

Investigators are looking into possibility that a fire that razed a house in Chalan Laulau Tuesday afternoon was caused by a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. drop line.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Erid F. David told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that

responding police officers observed a CUC drop line at the ceiling of the house's roof.

"It's still under investigation," David said.

He said the fire broke out Tuesday afternoon at a one-story tin house near IT&E building along Middle Road.

The owner of the house, Robert Romolor, was not home when the fire happened.

"The fire engulfed the whole house," David said.

No one was reported injured in the blaze. The fire caused brief traffic along Middle Road. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

S. Puerto Rico dump beach red-flagged

The red flag is up on the beach adjacent to the South Puerto Rico dump and the public is advised not to fish or swim within 300 feet of this site for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The Division of Environment Quality said yesterday that samples collected from this location were found to contain excessive

concentrations of enterococci, a fecal indicator bacteria, that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environment may also contain

these bacteria, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from 38 locations on Saipan's beaches and storm drainages every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. *(DEQ)*

Military training on FDM, W-517 on July 7-9

The U.S. military will be conducting 23 EBS military training on Farallon de Mendenilla and at W-517, the irregular polygon south of Guam, on the following dates and times:

- Farallon De Mendenilla: July 7, 2010 from 9am to 6pm
- W-517: July 7-9, from 7am to 12am

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon De Mende-

nilla Training Area (R7201) on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants and W-517-Irregular Polygon-South of Guam comprising of 14,000 nautical miles of airspace begins south of Guam and extend south-southwest in international waters.

Due to the danger imposed by this activity, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is strongly advising the general public—especially fish-

ermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and date indicated.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management Office's Operations Section at telephone numbers 322-9528 and 322-9529, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. *(EMO)*

PAWS CORNER

Missing dogs

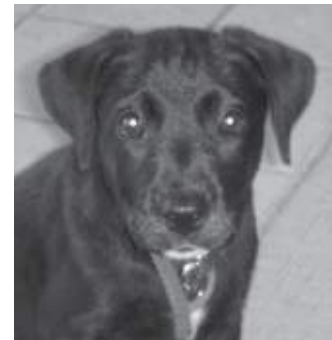
These two Labrador Retrievers are missing and their owner is offering a cash reward of \$100 each for the

return of these two beloved pets.

The first dog is named Calm, a white 5-year-old male, while the second is named Meek, a black

3-year-old female.

Anyone who has information on these two dogs may call 286-4787. *(PR)*



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REQUEST for PROPOSALS MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST RFP 10-02

INVESTMENT in a LOCAL HIGH YIELD LOAN PROGRAM

This is a request for any and all investment proposals from interested parties or firms seeking capital sources or funding for projects or ventures within the CNMI.

MPLT Board of Trustees has recently updated its Asset Allocation and determined that a percentage (5%) of its total investment portfolio (\$3.36 million) shall be devoted to a local investment program. This local investment program will be designated as high yield investments since the associated risks are much higher than those of publicly traded investment grade securities. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Challenges to obtaining sufficient capital for projects or ventures.
- Associated promissory notes cannot be traded or sold thus have no liquidity.
- Associated promissory notes are not rated and considered less than investment grade.
- Often the local private or public sector proposer's ability to repay the loan is challenged.
- Credit rating for such borrowers is often low.
- Ability to raise capital or obtain credit is limited.
- Maximum exposure for each investment cannot be controlled.
- Sufficient collateral beyond those acquired with loan proceed is limited.

As a high yield investment, MPLT may limit the duration for each investment to not more than five years. This is **not** a low-income or low interest rate program. Interest rates will be determined based upon risk and duration. Due to the higher risks associated with this type of investment, a risk premium will be added to the base interest rate.

Proposal information and guidelines under this program can be obtained at the MPLT office as shown below.

Five (5) copies plus one original of the sealed proposals must be submitted to the MPLT Office, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 PM, on August 25, 2010. Proposals must be sealed and marked "Local High Yield Loan Program, RFP 10-02". Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The MPLT reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in its best interests. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the MPLT.

Phillip Mendiola-Long
Chairman

Business

Toyota: 270,000 vehicles have faulty engines

TOKYO (AP)—Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday about 270,000 cars sold worldwide—including luxury Lexus sedans—have faulty engines, the latest quality lapse to hit the automaker following massive global recalls.

Japan's public broadcaster NHK and Kyodo News agency said Toyota, the world's No. 1

automaker, was considering recalling the vehicles but didn't name sources.

Toyota spokesman Hideaki Homma said the company was considering measures to deal with the problem of defective engines that can stall while the vehicle is moving. He would not confirm a recall was being considered.

The automaker has been working to patch up its reputation after recalling more than 8 million vehicles worldwide because of unintended acceleration and other defects.

Of the 270,000 vehicles with engine problems, some 180,000 were sold overseas and the rest in Japan. They include the pop-

ular Crown and seven models of luxury Lexus sedans.

Toyota said there have been no reports of accidents linked to the faulty engines. It did not say how it learned about the engine troubles.

The automaker's shares fell 1.1 percent to 3,045 yen in Tokyo on Thursday.

U.S. authorities recently slapped Toyota with a record \$16.4 million fine for acting too slowly to recall vehicles with

defects. Toyota dealers have repaired millions of vehicles, but the automaker still faces more than 200 lawsuits tied to accidents, the lower resale value of Toyota vehicles and the drop in the company's stock.



AP
The Toyota Lexus IS 350 is displayed at a Toyota showroom in Tokyo Thursday, July 1, 2010

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

House OKs sweeping bank rules; Senate vote awaits

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nearly two years after a Wall Street meltdown left the economy reeling, the House on Wednesday passed a massive overhaul of financial regulations that would extend the government's reach from storefront thrifts to the executive suites of Manhattan. Senate support for the far-reaching bill remained in flux, however. The Senate was forced to delay its vote to mid-July, denying President Barack Obama a victory before Independence Day. Democrats struggled to secure the votes of a handful of Republican senators even after meeting their demands and backing down on a \$19 billion tax on big banks and hedge funds. The legislation, swelling to more than 2,000 pages, would rewrite the nation's regulatory books. Simple supermarket purchases and exotic derivatives trades would be subject to new laws. And the entire financial system would be placed on a risk watch in hopes of thwarting the next threat of a financial crisis.

Google says China partially blocks search service

BEIJING (AP)—A Google search feature was blocked in China on Thursday, the company said as it awaited Beijing's decision on whether to renew its operating license amid tensions over censorship. Mainland users were unable to use the search giant's "suggest" feature, which offers possible results as they start to type a query, the company

said. "It appears that search queries produced by Google Suggest are being blocked for mainland users in China," said Google spokeswoman Jessica Powell in an e-mail. "Normal searches that do not use query suggestions are unaffected." Google's relations with Beijing have been tense since the U.S.-based search giant said in January it no longer wanted to cooperate with Chinese Web filtering following hacking attacks traced to China.

Execs, regulators testify on derivatives' role

WASHINGTON (AP)—A former executive of bailed-out insurance company American International Group Inc. says if he had been allowed to keep his job, he could have saved taxpayers a bundle. "I think I would have negotiated a much better deal for the taxpayer than what the taxpayer got," Joseph Cassano, the former chief executive of AIG's Financial Products Division, told a special panel investigating the economic crisis. Taxpayers rescued AIG to the tune of \$182 billion—the biggest of the federal rescues—after the New York company nearly collapsed and helped spark the financial crisis.

Jobless rates drop in two-thirds of metro areas

WASHINGTON (AP)—Unemployment rates in roughly two-thirds of the nation's largest metropolitan areas dipped in May as the gradual economic recovery spurred some hiring. An analysis of Labor Department data released Wednesday found that jobless rates dropped in 237

of 382 areas in May from April. It rose in 118 areas and was flat in 27. The figures aren't adjusted to account for seasonal trends, such as lifeguards hired during the summer or retail clerks let go after the holiday shopping season. So they tend to be volatile from month to month. Despite some improvements on both the local and national employment fronts, millions of out-of-work Americans face a difficult time finding work. Roughly 134 metro areas had double-digit unemployment rates in May.



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Dated this 30th day of June 2010.

/s/ Jeffrey T. Camacho
Enforcement OIC

Nation

Obama takes on election-year fears over big debt

RACINE, Wis. (AP)—Sensitive to election-year resentment over big government, President Barack Obama declared Wednesday he intends to get “our debt and our deficits under control.” With fears alive of a double-dip recession, Obama warned that he won’t slash spending at the expense of the economic rebound.

“We got it moving again,” Obama said of the economy to his town hall audience in this Midwestern city, where unemployment tops 14 percent. “We now have to, in a gradual way, reduce spending ... but do so in

a way that doesn’t hurt people. And that is a challenge.”

Politically, Obama’s challenge is even broader. He is trying to make the case to the nation that the \$862 billion stimulus plan prevented disaster and is fueling job growth even while millions are still out of work. And he is doing it at a time when Republicans are pounding him for running up a long-term bill for taxpayers, the same frustration that helped give rise to the Tea Party move-

ment and that has made the budget deficit a bigger worry for voters across the spectrum.

The dilemma is also playing out globally, as world leaders try to balance pressures to cut their debt without eroding any jolt that came from new spending.

Seizing on a political opportunity, Obama used his latest getaway from Washington to lash out at Republicans as out of touch with the daily problems of Americans. His agenda was

to sharpen the contrast with the opposition party as midterm elections loom and economic anxiety still runs high.

The president jumped all over for two recent comments by Republican lawmakers that Democrats are trying to turn into a political liability for the GOP: Rep. Joe Barton’s apology to BP for the \$20 billion compensation fund the White House pressured the company to set up after the Gulf oil spill, and House Minority Leader John Boehner’s recent comment that the financial regulation bill Obama supports amounts to “killing an ant with

a nuclear weapon.”

“He can’t be that out of touch with the struggles of American families,” Obama said of Boehner. “If he is, then he has to come here to Racine and ask people what they think.”

Boehner shot back in a statement: “The president should be focused on solving the problems of the American people—stopping the leaking oil and cleaning up the Gulf, scrapping his job-killing agenda, repealing and replacing ObamaCare—instead of my choice of metaphors.”

Obama’s comments about debt came amid a national sense of bailout fatigue, with his own economic leadership in question.

“How do we get government spending under control? That’s a legitimate question,” Obama said. “And whether you’re a Democrat, an independent, or a Republican, all of us should be worried about the fact that we have been running the credit card ... Somebody’s going to have to pay that back.”

He promised that the matter would be a priority for him over the next couple of years, with help from a commission studying how to reduce costly safety-net programs. Still, the president defended as essential both the unprecedented stimulus spending and the massive aid given to big banks and auto companies.



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World’s largest oil skimmer heading to Gulf for cleanup

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—With hurricane-whipped waves pushing more oil onto the Gulf of Mexico’s once-white beaches, the government pinned its latest cleanup hopes Wednesday on a huge new piece of equipment: the world’s largest oil-skimming vessel.

The Taiwanese-flagged former tanker named the “A Whale” is the length of 3 1/2 football fields and stands 10 stories high. It just emerged from an extensive retrofitting to prepare it specifically for the Gulf, where officials hope it will be able to suck up as much as 21 million gallons of oil-fouled water per day.

“It is absolutely gigantic. It’s unbelievable,” said Louisiana State University environmental sciences professor Ed Overton, who saw the ship last week in Norfolk, Va.

As the monstrous vessel made its way toward the Gulf Coast, large waves churned up by distant Hurricane Alex left Alabama beaches splattered with oil and tar balls the size of apples. The rough seas forced most smaller skimming boats into port for a second consecutive day, putting many cleanup crews at a standstill.

The ship looks like a typical tanker, but it takes in contaminated water through 12 vents on either side of the bow. The oil is then supposed to be separated from the water and transferred to another vessel. The water is channeled back into the sea.

But the ship has never been tested, and many questions remain about how it will operate. For instance, the seawater retains trace amounts of oil, even after getting filtered, so the Environmental Protection Agency will have to sign off on allowing the treated water back into the Gulf.

“This is a no-brainer,” Overton said. “You’re bringing in really dirty, oily water and you’re putting back much cleaner water.”

The vessel, owned by the Taiwanese shipping firm TMT Group, was completed as a tanker earlier this year in South Korea. But after the Gulf spill, the company’s CEO and founder, Nobu Su, ordered it changed into a giant skimmer. The vessel was sent to Portugal for the refit and embarked for the Gulf as soon as it was finished.

The ship arrived Wednesday in Louisiana coastal waters, where TMT officials planned to meet with the Coast Guard to plan a tryout of the ship.

The Coast Guard will have the final say in whether the vessel can operate in the Gulf. TMT will have to come to separate terms with BP, which is paying for the cleanup.

“I don’t know whether it’s going to work or not, but it certainly needs to be given the opportunity,” Overton said.

Meanwhile along parts of the Gulf, red flags snapped in strong gusts, warning people to stay out of the water, and long stretches of beach were stained brown from tar balls and crude oil that had been pushed as far as 60 yards from the water.

Oil deposits appeared worse than in past days, and local officials feared the temporary halt to skimming operations near the coast would only make matters worse ahead of the July 4 holiday weekend.

“I’m real worried about what is going to happen with those boats not running. It can’t help,” said Tony Kennon, mayor of Orange Beach, Ala.

As of Wednesday, between 71.2 million and 139 million gallons of oil have gushed into the Gulf of Mexico from the leak caused by the April 20 explosion aboard the drilling rig Deepwater Horizon. The blast killed 11 oil workers on the platform, which was owned by Transocean Ltd. and leased by BP PLC.

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NY suspect dubbed femme fatale of Russian spy case

NEW YORK (AP)—Anna Chapman is an accused spy who hid in plain sight.

Social-networking sites and others are rife with images of the striking, redheaded Russian—mixing with businessmen at a conference, posing in front the Statue of Liberty,

talking about how to make it in New York.

“America is a free country, and it’s the easiest place in the world to meet the most successful people,” she says in an Internet video.

U.S. authorities say it was all a sham: Behind the scenes, they

allege, Chapman was moonlighting as a secret agent—one of 11 suspects charged in spy case that’s revived memories of the Cold War, tested American-Russian relations and made for tabloid headlines about her such as “The Spy Who Loved Us.”

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mi-

chael Farbiarz has called evidence against Chapman “devastating.” She is “someone who has extraordinary training, who is a sophisticated agent of Russia,” he said.

On Wednesday, her mother, who lives in western Moscow, told The Associated Press that

Chapman was wrongly accused of trying to help Russian intelligence collect U.S. policymaking information.

“Of course I believe that she’s innocent,” Irina Kushchenko said before refusing to comment further.

Russian officials initially

denounced the arrests as “Cold War-era spy stories” and accused elements of the U.S. government of trying to undermine the improving relationship between Moscow and Washington. But the White House and Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin expressed confidence that the arrests would not damage ties between the two nations.



ACROSS THE NATION

Confirmation all but sure, Kagan ends testimony

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cruising toward confirmation, Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan completed grueling Senate questioning Wednesday, unscathed by Republican challenges on abortion, gays in the military and gun rights while sidestepping partisan debate about GOP-

named judges pulling the court to the right. Kagan emerged from three days of vetting by the Senate Judiciary Committee much as she had begun, declaring she’d be an independent and impartial judge and denying Republican suggestions that she would be unable to separate her political leanings from her job as a justice. Democrats said President Barack Obama’s nominee to succeed re-

tiring Justice John Paul Stevens was on track to become the fourth woman in Supreme Court history. “Solicitor General Kagan will be confirmed,” declared Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the panel chairman.

Oldest US postal worker retires in Calif. at 95

REDLANDS, Calif. (AP)—It wasn’t snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night that stopped

Chester Arthur Reed from his appointed round. The mail handler just felt it was time to call it quits at age 95. The fork lift operator retired Wednesday as the nation’s oldest postal worker, ending a career without taking a single sick day. It’s a feat he attributes to a healthy diet of watermelon, alkaline water and an onion sandwich with mayo every day. “If everyone

in the nation ate watermelons, they’d get rid of all the doctors,” Reed said. Despite being partially deaf and walking with a stoop, Reed has worked for more years than many of his co-workers have been alive and has accrued 3,856 hours—nearly two years—of sick leave for not missing a shift in 37 years.

Al-Qaida launches English propaganda magazine

NEW YORK (AP)—Al-Qaida launched its first online propaganda magazine in English on Tuesday, a move that could help the terror group recruit inside the U.S. and Europe. The magazine, called *Inspire*, is being run by al-Qaida’s branch in Yemen, which has been linked to the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt of a U.S.-bound airliner. The launch suggests that, as al-Qaida’s core has been weakened by CIA drone airstrikes, the group hopes to broaden its reach inside the U.S., where officials have seen a spate of homegrown terrorists. “This new magazine is clearly intended for the aspiring jihadist in the U.S. or U.K. who may be the next Fort Hood murderer or Times Square bomber,” Bruce Riedel, a Brookings Institution scholar and former CIA officer, said. Tuesday’s launch did not go smoothly.

The magazine was 67 pages long, but all but the first three pages were just garbled computer code, according to SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist websites and obtained a copy of the magazine.

Maggots force plane back to gate in Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP)—Maggots falling from an overhead bin from a spoiled container of meat forced a US Airways flight to return to the gate so the bin could be cleaned. Passenger Donna Adamo said she noticed a couple of flies on the Monday flight when she got to her seat but didn’t think much of it. Then, as the plane was taxiing, she heard a passenger behind her causing a commotion and refusing to take her seat. “Then I heard the word ‘maggot’ and that kind of got everybody creeped out,” she said. “All of a sudden, I felt somebody flick the back of my hair and on the front of me came a maggot, which I flicked off me.” A passenger had the container in a carry-on bag and brought it on Monday’s flight heading from Atlanta to Charlotte, N.C., said US Airways spokesman Todd Lehmacher. The pilot announced that they were returning to the gate because of a “minor emergency on board” and the flight attendants told everyone to sit down and be calm, Adamo said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Amendment of the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezoning)

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is asking for your comments on the following proposed amendments (rezones) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map of sheet #15 (Kagman): These include lots located at the intersection of Isa Drive and Kagman Road, both sides of the streets:

1. Rezone file 2010-0841 by Ramon B. Camacho to change TR 22796 H-422 from Rural to Mixed Commercial Zoning District to operate Auto Repair, General;
2. Rezone of various lots proposed by the Acting Zoning Administrator to change TR 22796-7; TR22796-8; 22700-R1; 22700-R2; TR22700-2; TR22638-R1; TR 22638-1; TR22638-3-1 from Rural to Mixed Commercial Zoning District.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Kagman Komunitat Center

The proposed map changes may be viewed at Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Building, DanDan Zoning Board website: www.zoning.gov.mp (publications page)

After the public hearing, the Zoning Board will make a decision on whether to approve any or all of the changes to the Official Zoning Maps.

Comments on the proposals may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office and must be received at the Zoning Office by 12:00 pm, Thursday, July 8, 2010. Send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Office at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008. /s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson

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\$19⁹⁹

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125 ct.
\$7⁹⁹

Coco Mackerel
15 oz.
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69¢

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\$6⁹⁹

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\$14⁹⁹

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\$14⁹⁹

Luvs Big Pack (All Size)
\$19⁹⁹

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16 oz. **\$3⁵⁰**

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Asia

Time short for RP to track Marcos money

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Billions of dollars allegedly stolen by the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos and his cronies remain hidden in accounts abroad and time is running out to recover it, officials warned Tuesday.

Marcos was accused of corruption, political repression and widespread human rights abuses during his 20-year rule. A non-violent "people power" revolt toppled him in 1986 and sent him and his family to exile in Hawaii, where he died in 1989. The Marcoses have repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

The Presidential Commission on Good Government, an agency tasked with recovering assets for the government, has so far identified 282.37 billion pesos (\$6.98 billion) in ill-gotten wealth.

But Camilio Sabio, outgoing chairman of the commission,

said the governments' Swiss lawyers have documents that show there are still "ill-gotten assets in various countries abroad easily worth billions and billions of U.S. dollars."

He mentioned specifically funds in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Other sources have also indicated that there is wealth squirreled away in Austria, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong and the United Kingdom.

The lawyers have warned that time is running out to recover any more money out there. In many countries, accounts that are dormant for 30 years are forfeited to the state where they are located, said Jaime Bautista, another official with the commission.

Several countries, including Switzerland and the United States, ordered a freeze on Marcos accounts when he was

booted from power 24 years ago. That would mean the government only has six more years to hunt down money stashed in those countries, Bautista said.

"The assumption is that if those accounts are in Switzerland, they would have to be dormant because anybody touching them will be guilty of money laundering," he told The Associated Press.

About 86.5 billion pesos (\$1.84 billion) have been recovered and remitted to the national treasury. Another 175 billion pesos (\$3.78 billion) in assets are under litigation and 19 billion pesos (\$410 million) in property and jewelry are still to be sold. In addition, \$35 million dollars, excluding interest, are still held by Merrill Lynch in the U.S. and \$25 million, plus interest, in an account in Singapore.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Nepal prime minister resigns amid Maoist pressure

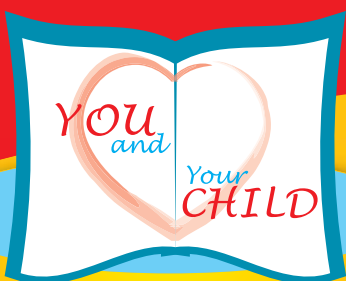
KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal's prime minister announced his resignation Wednesday, bowing to pressure from opposition Maoists who have been demanding his ouster in parliament and in street protests. Prime Minister

Madhav Kumar Nepal said in a televised speech that he decided to resign to end a political deadlock and shore up the peace process that ended years of Maoist insurgency in the Himalayan nation. The Maoists, the former communist rebels who won the most seats in 2008 elections, have been protesting for months demanding his resignation and a new national government headed by them.

tored North Korea's leader. The Seoul Central District Court handed down 10-year sentences to each of the men after convicting them of violating South Korea's National Security Law. The defendants—Kim Myong Ho and Dong Myong Kwan—entered the packed courtroom under heavy security, handcuffed and wearing beige prison clothes. They have seven days to appeal the verdict. They were arrested in Seoul in April for allegedly planning to kill Hwang Jang-yop, a former senior member of the North's ruling Workers' Party who defected to South Korea in 1997. North Korea has denied the assassination plot, accusing South Korea of staging it to intensify anti-Pyongyang sentiment.

2 NKoreans get prison terms for assassination plot

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Two North Korean army majors were sentenced to prison Thursday in South Korea for plotting to assassinate a high-profile defector who once men-



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For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the CPA Saipan Seaport Building

Project No. CPA-RFP-006-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of air condition units at the CPA Saipan Seaport Building. The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Service contract shall be for two (2) years. This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations.

The Service Contract draft, Scope of Work, and list of air condition units package is available for pick up beginning June 21, 2010 at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on July 6, 2010 at the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Departure Terminal, at 9:00 a.m. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend the pre-bid conference.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Project No. CPA-RFP-006-10." All proposals shall be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m.** local time, **July 19, 2010**, at the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The selection procedure shall be in full compliance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the solicitation for competitive sealed bids, in the interest of the CPA. All bids shall become the property of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

June 14, 2010

World

Uzbeks now pleading for help after returning to Kyrgyzstan

OSH, Kyrgyzstan (AP)—A simple plea is scrawled in meter-high (three-foot) letters across the charred remains of homes torched in violence against ethnic Uzbeks: SOS.

But, Uzbeks who have returned to ruined neighborhoods after a promise of help from the Kyrgyz government say officials tricked them and are ignoring their calls for help—and worse.

Men in uniform have been detaining and beating Uzbek men, some fatally, eight of the returnees told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

“Just last night they took four more of our men and we haven’t seen them since,” said Shavkatilla Mamatov, 45, outside the burnt-out husk of his

brick hut on Alisher Navoi Street, where every residence had been torched.

Aigul Ryskulova, the Kyrgyz presidential coordinator for refugees, told the AP that arrests were being made in Uzbek neighborhoods as police investigated the causes of this month’s violence, but she had no information about beatings or deaths.

Starting on the night of June 10, rampages by majority Kyrgyz mobs killed hundreds of ethnic Uzbeks in the south of Kyrgyzstan, reducing entire Uzbek neighborhoods to ruins and displacing as many as 400,000 of them, a quarter of whom fled across the border to Uzbekistan.

US envoy concerned about relations with Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—The outgoing U.S. ambassador to Venezuela expressed concern Wednesday that President Hugo Chavez’s government has focused its agenda on opposing Washington and said he fears trade between the countries is fraying.

Ambassador Patrick Duddy, who will soon end his assignment in Caracas, said he hopes the two countries can improve cooperation in some areas. “But these are difficult times for the bilateral relationship,” he said.

The United States remains Venezuela’s leading trade partner and the top buyer of Venezuelan oil, though oil exports to the U.S. have slipped recently as Chavez has sought to diversify his customers.

Venezuela exported \$28.1 billion in oil and other goods to the U.S. in 2009, according to U.S. Census Bureau figures—a

45 percent decline from the previous year as crude prices dropped and oil output declined. Venezuelan exports to the U.S. have since sharply increased in the first months of this year.

The country imported \$9.3 billion in goods from the United States in 2009, a 26 percent decline from 2008.

“I am concerned that our long-standing commercial ties are weakening,” Duddy said. “I am concerned that the government of Venezuela has decided to define its economic, political and social agenda in terms of opposition to the United States, rather than seeking a positive course of cooperation with us.”

Chavez’s antagonism toward the U.S. has dominated his 11-year presidency, as he has accused successive U.S. governments of trying to undermine him and meddle in Latin America’s affairs.

Alex hits Mexico’s Gulf coast as Cat 2 hurricane

SAN FERNANDO, Mexico (AP)—Hurricane Alex made landfall on Mexico’s Gulf coast as a powerful Category 2 storm Wednesday, spawning tornadoes in nearby Texas, forcing evacuations in both countries and whipping up high waves that frustrated oil-spill cleanup efforts and pushed crude onto beaches.

Alex hit a relatively unpopulated stretch of coast in Mexico’s northern Tamaulipas state about 110 miles (180 kms) south of Brownsville, Texas, and was pushing inland at 10 mph (17 kph), the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

Its heavy rains and 110 mph (160 kph) winds lashed Mexi-

can fishing villages, whose residents fled inland to the town of San Fernando on buses and in the back of pickup trucks.

Hundreds of people filled a storm shelter in an auditorium in San Fernando.

“We didn’t bring anything but these clothes,” said evacuee Carolina Sanchez, 21, motioning to two small plastic bags at her feet, as her 3-year-old sister Belen Sanchez Gonzalez clutched a purple and white stuffed toy poodle at the storm shelter. Her father, a fisherman, was one of many coastal residents who stayed behind to keep watch on their homes and possessions.

Engineer Abel Ramirez of San Fernando’s Civil Protection and Fire Department said seven fishing villages, with a combined population of about 5,000, were being evacuated.

The civil defense office in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, said Alex’s rains had already flooded around 30 neighborhoods there and officials were using small boats to rescue some residents.

Alex spawned two tornadoes around Brownsville, including one that flipped over a trailer. Officials also closed the causeway to South Padre Island, a popular vacation getaway off the Texas coast, and 9-foot waves were re-

ported on the island’s beach.

But officials in Texas said the U.S. state had been spared a direct hit. No injuries or severe damage were immediately reported.

The National Weather Service downgraded its storm warning for the Texas coast from hurricane to tropical storm strength.

More than 1,000 people in low-lying Hidalgo and Cameron counties fled to storm shelters. More than 1,000 homes were without power late Wednesday, with the biggest outage caused not by the storm but by a car that ran into a utility pole, American Electric Power spokesman Andy Heines said.



WISHING YOU A SAFE AND HAPPY LIBERATION DAY!

66 YEARS AGO, THE GATES OF CAMP SUSUPE OPENED UP AND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WAS GAINED UNDER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THIS YEAR, ONCE AGAIN WE TAKE THE TIME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE LIBERATION OF SAIPAN, AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER MORNING UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.

ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES OF ALL OUR TANHOLDINGS COMPANIES, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE LIBERATION DAY.



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport

Project No. CPA-RFP-005-10

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of air condition units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Service contract shall be for two (2) years. This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations.

The Service Contract draft, Scope of Work, and list of air condition units package is available for pick up beginning June 21, 2010 at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on July 6, 2010 at the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Departure Terminal, at 9:00 a.m. Bids will not be accepted from any bidder who failed to attend the pre-bid conference.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-RFP-005-10.” All proposals shall be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m.** local time, **July 19, 2010**, at the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The selection procedure shall be in full compliance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the solicitation for competitive sealed bids, in the interest of the CPA. All bids shall become the property of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Executive Director

June 14, 2010

Tan Siu Lin Foundation



Tan Holdings

www.tanholdings.com

Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Mother charged for phony letter about son's job

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP)—A western Kentucky woman's attempt to get her son out of jail on bond came undone over a misspelling. The Paducah Sun reported court officials became suspicious when the 44-year-old mother presented a letter allegedly from Wagner Moving and Storage. The woman knew bond for her son would be lowered if he had written proof of a job. But the company name was misspelled and when investigators checked, they learned the woman had asked for such a letter from the company and

had been denied. She was jailed Tuesday on a charge of evidence tampering. Her son was charged with receiving stolen property. They both were in jail Wednesday in lieu of cash bonds.

Red light cameras catch police in eastern Iowa

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)—Traffic cameras have snapped 26 local patrol cars speeding and running red lights in eastern Iowa. Cedar Rapids Police Chief Greg Graham said six officers have been issued letters of discipline because they didn't have their patrol car's lights and sirens operating when they were speeding to a call. He said five were not violations and that the remaining 15 instances

are under review. Cedar Rapids police also have notified Marion police and the Linn County sheriff's office of possible violations by their personnel, and are investigating infractions by city buses and a garbage truck. Marion Police Chief Harry Daugherty said the authorities must be "consistent and show no favoritism."

Mass. school district tests rife with errors

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—The school superintendent in Springfield, Mass., has taken responsibility for tests given to the district's 11th- and 12th-graders that were rife with spelling, grammatical and factual errors. Two tests given in May to about 2,600 students

contained about 100 errors combined. The mistakes included the phrases "truning around" and "For God's skae," as well as a note on one test that read "This is the end of the Test," when there were two more pages. The district contracts with an outside company to develop the exams. Superintendent Alan Ingram said Monday it wasn't that company's fault. He said the district's own proofreaders dropped the ball. He said he would make sure the district does a better job of checking the tests in the future.

Calif. woman says Chihuahua died saving her kids

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP)—A Northern California woman

says her Chihuahua died protecting her children from two pit bulls that got into her apartment. Mayda Estrella, of Richmond, says the family's Chihuahua, named Manchas, jumped in between the canine invaders and her 4-year-old son Sunday. A pit bull grabbed Manchas with its jaws and carried the Chihuahua away. Contra Costa County animal services officials say the Chihuahua was killed, and the pit bulls are now in custody. The pit bulls' owner says they had escaped their yard by chewing through a fence. Estrella says her front door was open when the dogs came in. She says when she saw the dogs come in, she ran into a bedroom with her other child, a newborn baby. County officials say the owner won't face criminal charges.

La. deputies say man planned to eat park duck

CHALMETTE, La. (AP)—A St. Bernard Parish man was arrested Monday after sheriff's deputies said he stole a duck from a public park and planned to eat it. The Sheriff's Office said the man, 38, was booked with theft of an animal after someone saw him take a muscovie duck from Sidney Torres Park. A deputy found the man at his home with a duck inside a bucket in his van, authorities said. Deputies said the man told them he intended to eat the animal. The duck was returned to the park and set free.

Man arrested for entering house, taking shower

ROSWELL, Ga. (AP)—Authorities have arrested a man accused of breaking into a home near Roswell High School at

around 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and taking a shower. Roswell police spokesman Lt. James McGee said neighbors tell police they saw a man entering the home. Police said the homeowner then arrived and found someone taking a shower. McGee said the woman talked to the man who was in the shower, then came back out of the house. She called police who got the man out. McGee said the unidentified man insisted he was the "Duke of Germany" before he was taken to jail in north Fulton County.

Man, 81, accused of machete chase near taco stand

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Police said an 81-year-old man was arrested after he chased another man around a Salem taco stand while armed with a machete. Salem police said Monday the man accused the taco stand owner of stealing a drill from his nearby business. When the taco stand owner denied it, the suspect left and returned with a machete. Lt. Dave Okada said the suspect chased the unidentified man around the stand several times before officers arrested him on accusations of menacing and attempted assault. He was booked into the Marion County Jail.

Men face assault charges after dog doo dispute

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP)—Three men face assault charges after they allegedly attacked an off-duty Harrisburg police officer in a dispute over dog waste. Police said brothers Matthew Stauffer, 33, and Daniel Stauffer, 31, attacked police Officer John Doll earlier this month. Investigators said the Stauffers confronted Doll about his dog's waste, even though Doll had already bagged it. According to court documents, Doll identified himself as an off-duty officer and got both men to the ground before a third man attacked him. Police charged the Stauffers and 25-year-old Noah Coburn with aggravated assault, conspiracy and public drunkenness. All three men are free on bail.

Police say pair stole nearly \$2K from Pa. jail

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—A couple were charged with stealing nearly \$2,000 from a central Pennsylvania jail by using a routing number from a check the woman got from the jail after her release last year. Police said a 61-year-old man and his 51-year-old wife used the routing number to use Blair County jail account to pay their utility bills and transfer \$179 to the man's bank account. The wife got the routing number when she received a check for \$6.95 to reimburse her for money remaining in her inmate expense account after her release on unrelated theft charges in October.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
FRANCISCO C. ADA,
Deceased.

CIVIL
ACTION
NO. 10-0182

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL/PETITION
TO DECLARE EXEMPT PROPERTY
(HOMESTEAD ALLOWANCE AND ONE
VEHICLE)

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS,
CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE
LATE FRANCISCO C. ADA OR HIS
ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ines
Seman Ada, has petitioned the Superior
Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands for Petition to Probate
Will/Petition to Declare Exempt property
(Homestead Allowance and one Vehicle) of
the Estate of Francisco C. Ada, Deceased.
The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T.
Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is
Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758,
Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition to Probate
Will/Petition to Declare Exempt property
(Homestead Allowance and one Vehicle) by
Ines Seman Ada, as Petitioner, has been set
for (July 27, 2010 at 1:30pm, at the Superior
Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern
Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic
Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands. All interested
persons or entities should appear at this
hearing. Any and all persons, creditors or
entities having claims against the Deceased
or his estate are hereby required by law to file
their claims with the Clerk of Court within
Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the
claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim
should also be sent to ROBERT T. TORRES,
Attorney at Law, at the address
herein-above indicated.

Date this 21st day of June 2010.

/s/ BERNADITTA A. SABLAN
Clerk of Court

Science & Technology

Feds disable movie piracy Web sites

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—U.S. officials on Wednesday announced a major crackdown on movie piracy that involved disabling nine Web sites that were offering downloads of pirated movies in some cases hours after they appeared in theaters.

Officials also seized assets from 15 bank, investment and advertising accounts, and executed residential search warrants in North Carolina, New Jersey, New York and Washington.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials worked with the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York

and other government agencies. The investigation involved about 100 agents in 11 states and the Netherlands.

Officials wouldn't say how many people were suspected of intellectual property theft, but said the penalties could include prison time.



Morton

The raids were the first actions in a new "Operation In Our Sites" initiative to combat Internet counterfeiting and piracy.

The government only seized domain names for the sites in question, however, meaning the computers that run the sites could still be used under a different name.

Acknowledging the slippery

nature of online piracy, John Morton, the assistant secretary of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said government agents would have to be persistent in chasing site operators.

"If a site reappears, so will we. If the criminals move overseas, we will follow," he said at a press conference on the studio lot of The Walt Disney Co. "Take it from me, I don't think that we've stopped Internet piracy in a day, but this is going to be a sustained effort."

The domain names seized were: TVShack.net, Planet-Moviez.com, ThePirateCity.org, Movies-Links.TV, FilesPump.com, Now-Movies.com, ZML.com, NinjaVideo.net and NinjaThis.net.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

DIEGO SN DELA CRUZ and LEOLANIE R. DELA CRUZ,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 15, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 011 G 403, consisting of 858 square meters located in Kagman III, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Located on the lot is a fully concrete, one bedroom, one bathroom house with an attached carport. House is approximately 10 years old, and in need of some repair. There are existing power and sewage hook ups.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 30, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room (Old Election Commission Office), Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c) To reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, PO Box 5003758 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670 234 7859; Fax: 670 234 5749.

3. **Deposit Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Marianas Public Land Trust.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

WILLIAM DLG ANGUI and JESSIE A. ANGUI,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 15, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 011 G 1067, consisting of 841 square meters located in Kagman III, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Located on the lot is a fully concrete, one bedroom, one bathroom house. House is approximately 10 years old, and in need of some repair. There are existing power and sewage hook ups.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on July 30, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room (Old Election Commission Office), Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
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4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Marianas Public Land Trust reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN T. SABLON, GLORIA DLG. SABLON, AND ANTONIO W. NEKAIFES,
Defendants.

Civil Action
No. 07-0177

THIRD NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the court in this matter on February 26, 2008, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 008 C 08, situated in Talofofo, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 9,621 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 C 02, Commonwealth Recorder's Office File No. 04-1103, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on **July 23, 2010**, at the hour of **10 am**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
a. Withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c. To reject any and all bids.
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3. **Deposit Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash or cashier's check. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and the Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 26th day of May 2010.

/s/Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-080

"INTERACTIVE WHITE BOARDS AND ACCESSORIES FOR GARAPAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GES)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Interactive White Boards and Accessories for Garapan Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning June 25, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-080" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 7, 2010 at 9:30a.m.**, at which bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
State Board of Education
Public School System
P. O. Box 501370, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BID PSS IFB 10-081

"LASER JET PRINTERS AND ACCESSORIES FOR GARAPAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GES)"

The Public School System and the State Board of Education are soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of **Laser Jet Printers and Accessories for Garapan Elementary School**. The Scope of Work is available beginning June 25, 2010 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the 3rd floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Questions shall be in writing and addressed to Robert Florian, Procurement Officer via fax at (670) 664-3791 or e-mailed to the following address: robert.florian@cnmipss.org

Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope marked "IFB 10-081" containing one (1) original with three (3) copies and submitted to the PSS Procurement & Supply Office situated on the 3rd Floor of the CNMI Retirement Fund Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **July 7, 2010 at 10:00a.m.**, at which bids, will be publicly opened. Any bids received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted.

/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Robert Florian
Procurement Officer

TECH BYTES

Calling all antenna engineers: Apple needs you

CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)—Wanted: Three geniuses to improve iPhone antennas.

According to job postings spotted by a reader of technology blog Slashdot, Apple Inc. is hiring engineers to refine

iPhone and iPad antennas. This wouldn't be notable except that the redesigned iPhone has something of an antenna problem. Holding the phone a certain way can cause the signal to fade or cut out. Apple isn't saying whether these are new openings or spots that were recently vacated.

Google adds a personal touch to its news section

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google Inc. is giving its users the chance to tailor the news to fit their interests. As part of a new look unveiled Wednesday, the English-language version of Google's online news section is offering tools that will enable readers to specify what kinds of stories interest them. For instance, a reader can ask Google to highlight broad topics such as sports, entertainment or business. Readers can also choose something more specific, such

as the Los Angeles Lakers.

Facebook launches 'permissions' for apps, websites

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is rolling out a new feature that requires outside applications and websites to tell users exactly what parts of their profiles have to be shared for the apps to work. Applications already had to ask users for permission to access anything in their profiles that wasn't public. But these services didn't have to specify what information they were

using. Under the new policy, the services will say which aspects of a profile they will mine, but the user still won't be able to pick out which pieces they want to grant access to. They have to either grant permission or disallow the app from working at all.

Woot there it is: Amazon buys deal-a-day website

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Amazon.com Inc. has purchased deal-a-day website Woot.com. In a joke-laden message on the company blog, Woot CEO

Matt Rutledge said the deal won't change how the site is run—"with a wall of ideas and a dartboard." Financial terms were not disclosed. Amazon spokesman Craig Berman said the Seattle-based online retailer expects to finalize the deal by the end of September. Amazon already offers daily deals on the "Gold Box" section of its site. The purchase of Woot—with its jocular product descriptions and focus on selling one item every 24 hours—may indicate that the company is increasingly interested in using quirkier methods to reach customers over the Web.

TECH Q&A

Is 3-D TV worth it?

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I need a new TV, either 2-D or 3-D, and I don't want to make a purchase that doesn't make sense. I'm not really a technology guy, but the 3-D TV demo I saw at a store was amazing. Do you think that 3-D is far enough along the development curve? My cable TV company isn't saying anything.—Richard Powell, Elk River, Minn.

ANSWER: While three-dimensional TVs are available, there aren't many 3-D shows yet, and there may not be for several years, according

to technology website Gigaom at tinyurl.com/23kh24s. What's more, 3-D TV sets cost several thousand dollars each once you include 3-D glasses and a 3-D DVD player, says Consumer Reports at tinyurl.com/23p96gf.

But, if you're determined to be a 3-D TV owner, read the Startribune.com story "10 things to know before you go 3-D" at tinyurl.com/27jauy7.

Q: I use a Linksys router with my desktop PC, but about once a day it disconnects from my Comcast Internet service. I then have to unplug the router, wait a few seconds and plug it in again. Is there a way to fix this? Do I need a different

router, or is there a Comcast issue?—Ron Knapp, Burnsville, Minn.

A: I don't think it's a Comcast problem. It's more likely that your router is getting out of sync with your cable modem, and that rebooting the router restores its original settings. I solved a similar problem by getting a new router.

However, before you go to that expense, check for downloadable software updates for your router at the Linksys website, tinyurl.com/38ur5zd. Also, contact Comcast (see tinyurl.com/25vopp5) to see if its network monitoring equipment shows that your modem is working properly.

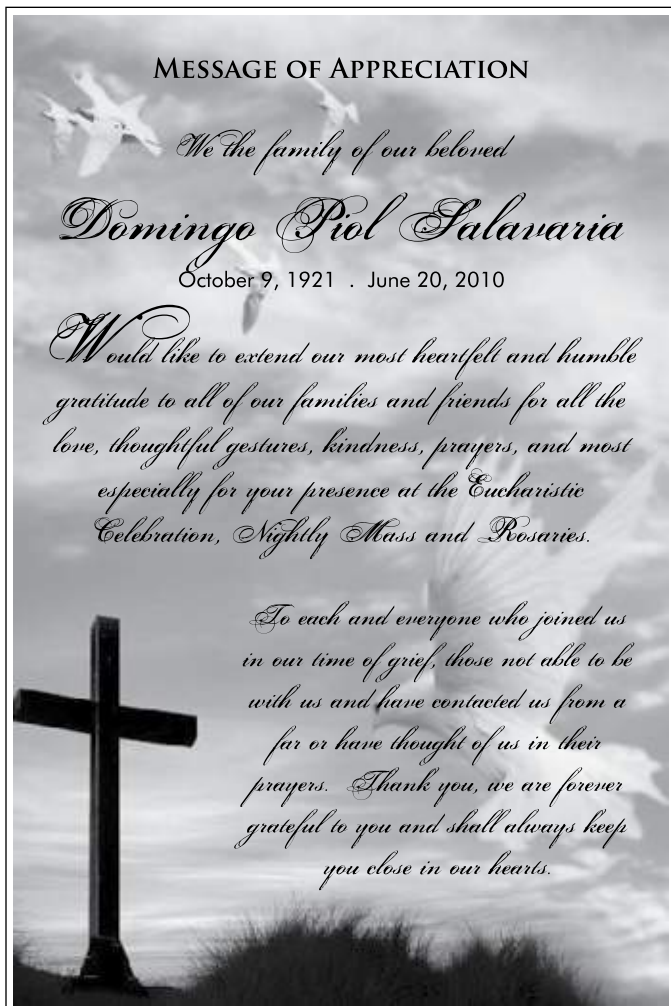
Q: A Yahoo add-on has taken over my Firefox browser, and I can no longer find my browser

bookmarks. I'd like to restore my original Firefox format, but with the Yahoo format I can't even find the browser's "tools" menu. What can I do?—Dave Blumberg, Miami

A: It sounds as if you've downloaded either a Yahoo toolbar for Firefox, or a special version of Firefox that includes the Yahoo toolbar. Many other people also have complained that the Yahoo toolbar is difficult to remove.

Rather than try to fix the browser you have, I suggest downloading a new version that doesn't include the Yahoo toolbar. You can find it at tinyurl.com/d9pp59.

During installation, the software will automatically copy your existing Firefox browser's bookmarks to the new version of Firefox.



MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We the family of our beloved

Domingo Piol Salavaria

October 9, 1921 . June 20, 2010

Would like to extend our most heartfelt and humble gratitude to all of our families and friends for all the love, thoughtful gestures, kindness, prayers, and most especially for your presence at the Eucharistic Celebration, Nightly Mass and Rosaries.

To each and everyone who joined us in our time of grief, those not able to be with us and have contacted us from a far or have thought of us in their prayers. Thank you, we are forever grateful to you and shall always keep you close in our hearts.

In Loving Memory of † Herman Santos Cruz

Lovingly known as "Herman Doi"
July 17, 1950 — June 21, 2010

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Eleanor Sablan Cruz

Children and their families:

Yvonne C. Camacho/Rodney S. Camacho (Temara, Keola, Keisha, Tyrese)

Gordon S. Cruz/ Marlyn C. Cruz (Frederick, Garrett, Monica)

Geoffrey S. Cruz/Jennifer Leung (Brinae, Moeisha)

Yuline S. Cruz

Yvette S. Cruz/ Jose T. Iguel (Therese, Noah, Clayton)

Gary S. Cruz/ Doris C. Cruz (Deondrey, Damien)

Yolanda S. Cruz/ Luis Macaranas

Reared children: April S. Camacho/ Glenn S. Camacho (Vicasha, Jose, Lexie Lynn)

Jamie Lynn S. Ada

Father In-Law: Ignacio Mangarero Sablan

He will also be missed by his brothers, sister, and in-laws:

† Jesus V. Tenorio/Irene H. and Children

Juan S. Cruz/ Juanet C. and Children

Jose S. Cruz/ Divine and Children

† Herminia T./ Francisco P. Sablan and Children

† Ramon S. Tenorio

Edward S. Tenorio/ Lillian A. and Children

Francisco S. Tenorio/ Yvonne B. and Children

† Linda T./ Robert Kumaichi and Children

Lillian S. Tenorio

Oscar M. Sablan/ Marcia E. and Children

Ernest M. Sablan/ Elizabeth C. and Children

Jeanette S. Mesa/ Eleuterio Mesa and Children

Esther S. Fleming/ Mike A. Fleming and Children

Felix M. Sablan/ Catherine I. and Children

Louise S. Concepcion/ William Ada and Children

Herbert M. Sablan/ Kelly and Children

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Elizabeth S. Ada/ James Ada and Children

Agnes M. Sablan

† Frederick M. Sablan

Carlos M. Sablan/ Michelle Maloney and Children

In his new life he now joins his:

Parents:

Ignacio A. Cruz

Antonia S. Tenorio

Joaquin P. Tenorio

Rita V. Tenorio

Maria Mangarero Sablan

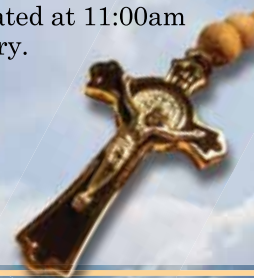
Mother in-law:

Daily Masses for the repose of his soul is being celebrated every morning at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is being recited each evening at 7:00pm.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, July 05, 2010. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan to Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30am. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 8:30am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by Interment Services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS.
THANK YOU - SI YU'US MA'ASE

ELEANOR SABLÁN CRUZ
Children and families



Life & Style

Portland police re-opening Gore investigation

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Police said Wednesday they are reopening an investigation into a Portland massage therapist's allegations that former Vice President Al Gore groped her at an upscale hotel in 2006.

In a brief statement, the Portland Police Bureau did not say why it was reopening the investigation. Police earlier said they considered the case closed because there was no evidence.

Kalee Kreider, a spokeswoman for Gore, said the former vice president "unequivocally and emphatically" denied making unwanted sexual advances toward the woman and that he welcomed the investigation.

"Further investigation into

this matter will only benefit Mr. Gore," Kreider said.

She also said "the Gores cannot comment on every defamatory, misleading and inaccurate story generated by tabloids."

The masseuse alleges Gore made unwanted sexual advances during a massage appointment on Oct. 24, 2006, at the downtown Hotel Lucia, where Gore was reportedly registered as "Mr. Stone." Gore was in Portland to deliver a speech on climate change.

The story first broke when the National Enquirer reported the

allegations a week ago.

The AP does not generally identify people who say they are victims of sex crimes.

Portland police last week said the woman's lawyer came to them with the allegations in 2006 but that the woman canceled appointments with detectives. The case reopened in January 2009, when detectives interviewed the woman but determined there was insufficient evidence to support the allegations.

According to transcripts of the 2009 interview, the masseuse described the allegations at length.



Gore

In Celebration of Her New Life Dolores (Ling) Rangamar Rabauliman

Born to life on August 9, 1940
Passed away in the grace of our Lord on June 28, 2010

In her new life, she now joins her:

Husband: †Joaquin Warakai Rabauliman
Parents: †Ernesto W. Rangamar and Maria I. Rangamar
Brothers and Sisters: †Lorenzo I. Rangamar, †Vicente I. Rangamar, †Luis I. Rangamar, †Luciano I. Rangamar, †Fidelia R. Merur
Grandchildren: †Jackson Amuangtul S. Rabauliman and †Joaquin Pedro W. Rabauliman
Daughter-in-law: †Patricia Maria T. Rabauliman

Her memory will live forever in the hearts of her:

Brothers and Sisters: Rafael I. Rangamar, Daniel I. Rangamar, Anna R. Cruz, Delgadina R. Rios, Ricardo I. Rangamar

Children and Grandchildren:

Juan R. Rabauliman and Merlita D. Rabauliman
Edrina Vera T. Rabauliman, Jonathan Reese T. Rabauliman, Mariah Marie Dalumpines, Jonalyn Merle D. Rabauliman
Francisco R. Rabauliman & Christine O. Rabauliman
Aaron Joseph S. Rabauliman & Mary Lourdes NG. Rabauliman (*Melingciana Marie NG Rabauliman, Joseph Roy NG. Rabauliman, Eka Dallas NG Rabauliman*)
Ernest Roy S. Rabauliman
William R. Rabauliman
Patrick Wayne T. Rabauliman & Shirley Saimon Igisomar (*Shirayne I. Rabauliman, Eliana I. Rabauliman, Shayne Liboy Daman I. Rabauliman*)
Billie Jean T. Rabauliman
Elizabeth Lucia R. Veamatahau & Eka P. Veamatahau
George R. Rabauliman & Shunzi Rabauliman
Georsina W. Rabauliman, Eric W. Rabauliman
Diego R. Rabauliman & Freda T. Rabauliman
Delorina T. Rabauliman, Dreauna Rose T. Rabauliman, Dexter Raymund T. Rabauliman
Janet R. Labios & Edgrado G. Labios
Argie G. Labios, Mark Joseph G. Labios
James R. Rabauliman
Jennifer W. Rabauliman (Joaquin James W. Rabauliman)

She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, god-children and friends.

Nightly rosary is being offered at 7:30pm at the residence of Janet and Edgar Labios in Koblerville.

The remains of Dolores Rabauliman will be transferred from CHC to Edgar & Janet Labios residence in Koblerville at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010. Followed by the responso at 7:30 a.m. At 9:45 a.m. her remains will be brought to St. Jude Church. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will follow at Edgar & Janet Labios' residence.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Thank you from the family!

In Humble Gratitude

We, the family of the late

Andres Tudela Camacho

Wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all our relatives and friends for the genuine compassion you showed us during our most painful time of sorrow. We especially would like to acknowledge the many thoughtful prayers, comfort, unending support and other considerate acts of grace extended to us. Your presence and prayers at the daily masses and most especially at the mass of Christian burial were very comforting. Your kindness has touched us to all and we will always remember you in our hearts and prayers.

Un Danghulu Na Si Yei'us Ma'ase.

Ginen I Famaguon yan Familian-niha

Death and Funeral Announcement

Maria Borja Roberto

Lovingly known as "Chibi Andres"

Predeceased by:

Andres Ada Roberto (Husband)
Elizabeth Roberto Ordenez (Daughter)
Jose Castro and Agueda Santos Borja (Parents)
Juan Sablan and Engracia Ada Roberto (Parents-in-Law)
Trinidad Borja DeLeon Guerrero (Sister)
Crisencia Borja Villagomez (Sister) / Felix C. Villagomez Indalecio Santos Borja (Brother)
Margarita Santos Borja (Sister)
Grabella Borja Camacho (Sister) / Joaquin R. Camacho
Carmen Borja Ichihara (Sister) / Jesus SM. Ichihara
Ana Borja Roberto (Sister)
Teresita Borja Lizama (Sister)
Manuel Miyasaki Babauta (Brother)

Survived By:

Lucinda Roberto / Crispin Manglona Sablan
Christopher / Nicole Sablan - (Christian, Maria, Isabella)
Crystal Sablan - (Isaiah, Seth)

Children of †Elizabeth R. / Bartholomew Ordenez
Gerard R. Indalecio / Lealynn F. Valdez (Damian)
Jaycee R. Ordenez
Gemma R. Ordenez
Archiez Pomares

Joseph B. Roberto

David B. Roberto

Dominic Palacios Sampson
Yerma Darcel Boyer Roberto
(Hayden B. Roberto)
Ashley Monique Boyer Roberto
David (DJ) Boyer Roberto

Andres Borja / Dorothy Pangelinan Roberto

Andrew David P. Roberto
Joshua Cole P. Roberto
Aiyisha Marie P. Roberto
Austin Luke P. Roberto
Jeremiah Jude P. Roberto

Celina Roberto / Franklin Reyes Babauta

William R. Babauta / Frances Tudela
(Jacob Collin T. Babauta)
Francine Therese R. Babauta
Kolina R. Babauta
Franklin R. Babauta, Jr.

Raymond B. Roberto / Zenaida C. Javier

Charay Sasamoto
Andrea Javier Roberto

Julie Roberto (Reared Daughter) /

Juan Q. Inos & Children

Jacoba / Carmelito Asuncion & Children (Sister & Brother-in-Law)

Felipe Ada and Ketsuda Roberto (Brother-in-Law)
Vicente C. Lizama & Children (Brother-in-Law)
Juan A. Deleon Guerrero & Children (Brother-in-Law)
Primitiva Apatang Babauta & Children (Sister-in-Law)

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral and 6:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church. Nightly rosary is recited at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Warhol portrait of Liz Taylor sold for \$10M

LONDON (AP)—Auction house Christie's says a rare Andy Warhol portrait of Hollywood screen legend Elizabeth Taylor has sold for \$10 million in London. "Silver Liz" was painted in 1963, the year Taylor became the first actress to earn \$1 million for a role. It has been in a private collection for 20 years and has not been seen in public. The portrait went to an anonymous bidder for 6.76 million pounds (\$10.1 million) in London late Wednesday. Taylor was one of Warhol's muses but Christie's said that "Silver Liz" was one of only two Warhol portraits to show the actress with her famous violet eyes.

Julianne Hough keeps coy on Ryan Seacrest rumors

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Country singer and

"Dancing With The Stars" pro Julianne Hough isn't making her romantic life public, but she is giving hints that rumors linking her to "American Idol" host Ryan Seacrest are true. When asked Tuesday whether she is dating Seacrest, Hough laughed and said that she wasn't going to confirm or deny anything. While she answered, Hough looked up and to the right with a coy smile on her face. Hough went on to say: "Ryan's great. He's a really good guy." Hough was in Nashville to participate in the ACM Lifting Lives Music Camp for people with Williams Syndrome. She sang karaoke with the campers at a local bar and signed autographs.

Rascal Flatts' DeMarcus and wife expecting child

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Jay DeMarcus of Rascal

Flatts and his wife, Allison, are expecting their first child. The bass player recently joked that he felt left out of baby discussions with bandmates Gary LeVox and Joe Don Rooney, both fathers. But he won't be excluded any more. A news release says the child is due in January. The couple was married in 2004. DeMarcus says he's confident his wife, a former Miss Tennessee and CMT personality, will be a great mother "because she has done an incredible job raising me over the past six years." DeMarcus' band is on the road this summer and plans to release an album in September.

'Ferris Bueller' actor faces felony charge in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors say they have charged "Ferris Bueller"

actor Jeffrey Jones with failing to update his sex offender registration information. Los Angeles County district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons says Jones was charged Wednesday. Records show he was arrested by Los Angeles police on June 23. The 63-year-old Jones pleaded no contest in 2003 in Florida to a felony charge of employing a 14-year-old boy to pose for sexually explicit photos. He was arrested in 2004 in Florida for failing to register as a sex offender there. The film actor is best known for playing the principal in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." An e-mail seeking comment from his management company was not immediately returned. He is due for arraignment on July 14.

Duchovny to make stage debut in Neil LaBute play

NEW YORK (AP)—David Duchovny will make his stage debut in Neil LaBute's "The Break of Noon." The "X-Files"

actor will play John Smith in the seventh play by LaBute, whose last play, "Reasons to be Pretty" was nominated for the Tony Award for best play. Performances of "The Break of Noon," which is set amid an office shooting, will begin at the Lucille Lortel Theatre on Oct. 28. A New York native, the 49-year-old Duchovny hasn't previously acted on stage in any productions of note. He stars in the Showtime series "Californication."

Hutcherson mum on reports he's the new Spider-Man

NEW YORK (AP)—Maybe we need some Spidey sense to sort this out. Actor Josh Hutcherson won't confirm or deny he's been chosen as the next Spider-Man. Internet sites including Twitter are buzzing with reports the 17-year-old will replace Toby Maguire. Sony Pictures and Marvel Studios say Maguire won't be back for the fourth "Spider-Man" movie.

In a recent Associated Press interview Hutcherson confirmed he auditioned but wouldn't say anything about the reports. He says he doesn't "want to get in trouble with anybody." Hutcherson has starred in films including "Journey to the Center of the Earth" and "Bridge to Terabithia."

Yearly attendance tops 5M at NYC's Met museum

NEW YORK (AP)—The Metropolitan Museum of Art is a popular place. Really popular. Museum officials said Wednesday that 5.24 million people visited the museum in the fiscal year ending June 30. It's the first time since 2001 that attendance has topped the 5 million mark. The figure covers visitors to the site on Fifth Avenue as well as The Cloisters museum and gardens in northern Manhattan. It's among the highest attendance numbers in the museum's history. The museum had more than 30 exhibitions over the past year.

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Twilight Saga: Eclipse

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 Mon through Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

The third film in the Twilight series explores a love triangle between Bella (Kristen Stewart), Edward (Robert Pattinson), and Jacob (Taylor Lautner) as the werewolf pack and the Cullen clan join together to fight a new breed of vampires. Melissa Rosenberg provides the screenplay for the Summit Entertainment adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's best-selling novel, with director David Slade calling the shots behind the camera.



The Last Airbender

Fri through Sun 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45
 Mon through Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz
 Adventure, Family • Rated PG

Synopsis

Suspense auteur M. Night Shyamalan takes a break from crafting original screenplays to tell this tale of a 12-year-old boy (Noah Ringer) who provides the last hope for restoring harmony to a land consumed by chaos. In a world balanced on the four nations of Water, Earth, Fire, and Air, people known as the Waterbenders, Earthbenders, Firebenders, and Airbenders have mastered their native elements.



Grown Ups

Fri through Sun 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35
 Mon through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

Adam Sandler, Kevin James
 Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Thirty years after graduating from high school, five former basketball teammates gather at the lake house where they celebrated their biggest victory to mourn the passing of their late coach. Over the course of the Fourth of July weekend, the five friends realize that just because they've all grown up and started families doesn't mean that they've lost that old spark.



Toy Story 3

Fri through Sun 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30
 Mon through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

Tom Hanks, Tim Allen
 Fantasy, Children's, Family • Rated G



Knight And Day

Fri through Sun 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:40
 Mon through Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz
 Action • Rated PG 13



The Karate Kid

Fri through Sun 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50
 Mon through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith
 Drama • Rated PG



The A-Team

Fri through Sun 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
 Mon through Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper
 Action • Rated PG 13

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'Eclipse' howls past midnight record with \$30M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Twilight Saga" has rung up another record midnight hour.

"The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" took in more than \$30 million from midnight screenings Wednesday, according to distributor Summit Entertainment.

That surpassed the previous midnight record of \$26.3 million set on opening day last November by its predecessor, "The Twilight Saga: New Moon."

Summit was still counting the numbers and was not expected to have a final overnight number until Thursday. But Summit reported the figure was likely to come in significantly higher than \$30 million.

The huge start for "Eclipse" puts the latest chapter in the vampire-romance series on track for one of the biggest opening days ever.

"New Moon" also holds that

record, taking in \$72.7 million in its first day.

The new midnight record is even more impressive considering "Eclipse" managed it in the middle of the week. "New Moon" opened on Friday, typically a busier day at theaters.

Fans lined up Tuesday hours ahead of the first midnight show times for "Eclipse," which continues the story of brooding teen Bella Swan

(Kristen Stewart) and her love triangle with vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner).

With the Fourth of July weekend ahead, "Eclipse" is positioned for a colossal first five days. The record five-day haul for a movie opening on Wednesday is \$200 million for last year's "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen."

Lady Gaga shakes it for a Polaroid picture

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—Lady Gaga is lending star power to Polaroid and the MIT Museum.

The pop star known for her outlandish wardrobe posed Wednesday for a Polaroid at the museum run by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In January, she was given the title of creative director for the company that owns the iconic photography brand.

The museum had recently taken possession of thousands of Polaroid inventions that revolutionized photography in the 20th century, including the 20- by 24-inch camera that was used to snap the photo of Lady Gaga wearing a low-cut black lace dress. Lady Gaga has concerts in Boston on Thursday and Friday nights.

Polaroid was founded in Cambridge in 1937. It was sold in bankruptcy last year and is owned by Minnetonka, Minn.-based PLR IP Holdings.



AP

In this publicity image released by Polaroid, Lady Gaga poses with a large Polaroid picture of herself at the MIT Art Museum in Cambridge, Mass.

Researcher: Ozzy seeking health clues from DNA map

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Alcohol and drug abuse has killed too many rock stars to mention, but at 61, Ozzy Osbourne is going strong.

Now DNA researchers in St. Louis say they're part of a team working to determine why decades of substance abuse didn't take down the Prince of Darkness.

Jon Armstrong is chief marketing officer for St. Louis-based Cofactor Genomics. He said Wednesday that Osbourne has asked a Massachusetts human genomics company to map his DNA. Cofactor is partnering in the effort.

Armstrong says the mapping may not offer definitive answers about the longtime Black Sabbath front man's relative longevity. But it could help understanding of the relationship between DNA and the environment.

Osbourne didn't return messages seeking comment left with his agent and his wife's management company.

'Avatar' star Zoe Saldana is engaged

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zoe Saldana is capping off a string of hit films with another big engagement - to her longtime boyfriend.

A spokesman for the 32-year-old actress says she is engaged to marry actor Keith Britton. Publicist Gary Mantoosh offered no other details.



Saldana

Saldana has become a familiar face in film recently, with starring roles in "Star Trek" and "Avatar." The lithe brunette also appears in the action flick "The Losers," the comedy "Death at a Funeral" and the forthcoming "Takers."

Britton's credits include "Cold Case" and "As the World Turns."

Kagan declines to take sides on 'Twilight' debate

WASHINGTON (AP)—Team Edward or Team Jacob? That's one debate Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan steered clear of.

At her Senate confirmation hearing Wednesday, Kagan was asked by Sen. Amy Klobuchar about "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" movie, which opened this week. The franchise has a

huge following among teenage girls and has sparked debate over whether the tormented heroine Bella should choose Edward the vampire or Jacob the werewolf.

The senator jokingly asked Kagan's thoughts on "the vampire versus the werewolf."

Kagan, who has declined to say how she might rule on is-

sues that could come before the court, dodged this one—presumably on other grounds. She said she hadn't seen the film, and wished the senator wouldn't pose the question.

Klobuchar, a Minnesota Democrat, said she realized Kagan "can't comment on future cases. So I'll leave that alone."

After 25 years, CNN seeks Larry King's replacement

NEW YORK (AP)—A handful of potential successors have already emerged to take over for Larry King when he leaves his prime-time CNN interview show sometime this fall.

All have their strengths and weaknesses—if they can even be convinced that the job is right for them.

But what CNN U.S. President Jon Klein could use is someone to shake up the mix, a candidate no one has anticipated that will make people sit up and take notice. The choice will likely define Klein's legacy at CNN, one

that is troubled now because of the continued ratings dominance of Fox News Channel and the emergence of MSNBC as a colorful competitor.

He has indicated that he wants a new show that doesn't stray far afield from King's mission.

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King

Co-ed's rocky freshman year leaves her down in the dumps

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am 18 and sad all the time. I have never had a boyfriend, and have struggled in the past with anxiety and loneliness. It has been a rollercoaster year for me—a tough first year of college, watching all of my friends enter meaningful relationships. All I can do is be ashamed of the fact that I'm struggling while others are thriving. I need help, but don't know where to turn.

A COMPLETE MESS IN OHIO

DEAR COMPLETE MESS: Before I start offering you advice, please let me point out that the first year of college is a huge adjustment for everyone. You're away from your usual support systems, adjusting to a new environment and new responsibilities. Instead of comparing yourself to your friends who are entering "meaningful relationships," please look around at all of the students who are single like you are. If you do, you will realize they outnumber the ones who are coupled up.

Because you are sad for extended periods, you should head over to the student health center and talk about it with a counselor. He or she will help you find ways to overcome your feelings of isolation, anxiety and depression—but only if someone who is qualified knows you're having trouble. And please don't waste one minute being "ashamed." What you're experiencing is not uncommon.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two young children. Three years ago I divorced my husband of eight years. My mother does not accept the divorce and still views my ex as a family member. She's planning a family reunion for my father's 80th birthday and has told me she's inviting my ex, which will be uncomfortable since I am attending the party with my boyfriend of two years.

My mother's unwillingness to accept my new boyfriend in my life is hurtful, and it is affecting my relationship with her. How can I sustain a relationship with her if she doesn't accept that I have moved on with my life?

IRRITATED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR IRRITATED: You have moved on with your life. But in the eight years you were married, your mother grew attached to your former husband. I assume that you and your ex have a civil relationship, if only for the sake of your children. So go to the reunion with your boyfriend. Give your parents every opportunity you can to get to know him, because the more they are exposed to him, the greater the chances of their accepting him.

P.S. Wouldn't it be lovely if your ex were to bring a date? Why not call him and plant the idea ...

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 61-year-old, recently retired male. I think I am experiencing a midlife crisis, exacerbated by my wife's decision to let her hair go natural -- meaning gray.

I know you and your readers will probably think I'm shallow and am trying to hold onto my young, 59-year-old "trophy wife." We have been happily married nearly 40 years. In my eyes she represents our youth and vitality, which suddenly isn't feeling so youthful or vital since her roots started showing. What can I do?

YOUNGER AT HEART IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR YOUNGER AT HEART: Try this. Remember the words of Benjamin Franklin on aging. He wrote: "In the dark all cats are gray."

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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-10-031

TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NOS. 1 & 2

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms for the "Tank Cleaning & Replacement" at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The work under this RFP is divided into two separate projects so that CUC will have the opportunity to select more than one Offeror and provides for expedited project completion if it finds that would be in the best interest of CUC. All the work will be done as a part of the US EPA Stipulated order No. 2 response action and is subject to their approval. This project will be funded through the grant awarded by the US Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs:

A. Project 1:

- A. 1. Cleaning of tanks 101 and 102 (588,000 USG, each), used for diesel fuel storage;
- A. 2. Cleaning of tank 107 (1,320 USG), used for used oil storage;
- A. 3. Cleaning of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), used for used oil storage;
- A. 4. Cleaning of tank 108 B (4,678 USG), used for lube oil storage.

B. Project 2:

- B. 1. Disposal of tank 107 C (23,000 USG), after cleaning and replacement with a new shop fabricated tank of similar size/dimension to fit the available foundation base;
- B. 2. Disposal tank 108 B (4,678 USG), after cleaning;
- B. 3. Disposal tank 101 A and 102 (588,000 USG each), after cleaning if upon inspection it is not Economically viable to repair the tank.

RFP Deadlines and Highlights:

- Proposal Submission - **One (1) original and Six (6) hard copies** must be submitted in a seal envelope marked "**CUC-RFP- 10-031 'TANK CLEANING & REPLACEMENT POWER PLANT NO. 1'**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., Procurement & Supply Manager at email msablan@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions will not be considered.
- The Scope-of-Work will be **e-mailed** upon request, to all interested Offerors, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays, **until July, 14, 2010**.
- A Pre-proposal Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **July 01, 2010 at 9:30 AM** CUC Power Plant No. 1 Administration Building, Lower Base, Saipan.
- Submission of questions and clarifications must be submitted in writing via email no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on **July 16, 2010** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Procurement and Supply Manager via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. William Sword, Technical Manager for Oil, via email sword.william@gmail.com and Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, Power generation, via email venu@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.
- A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposal. A Performance and Payment bond of hundred (100%) percent each of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Offeror.

Contract/s will be awarded to the most responsive Offeror, as adjudged by the Source Selection Committee (SSC). CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government.

/s/ **ABE UTU MALAE**
Acting Executive Director



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INVITATION TO BID

ITB10-GOV-116

CNMI Brown Tree Snake Program Facility Improvements

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the CNMI Brown Tree Snake Program Facility Improvements in the Municipality of Saipan, Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Fish and Wildlife, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be no Pre-bid Conference/Site Visit for this project. Bidders are encouraged to visit the site to familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting their bid. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on July 01, 2010 to Mr. Carl Castro, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked "**ITB10-GOV-116**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, July 19, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time July 19, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 19, 2010 and must be received no later than July 28, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, July 29, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time, on July 19, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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/s/ Dr. Ignacio Dela Cruz, Secretary DLNR
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INVITATION FOR BID

NMHC IFB2010-006

(This ad is paid for by NMHC with NSP1 funds)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, hereby give notice that NMHC is soliciting sealed bids from NMHC's List of Approved Contractors for the Supply and Installation of Zinc-Coated Chain-Link Fences and Supply and Installation of Aluminum Accordion Typhoon Shutters (Windows and Doors) for NMHC's Seven (7) NSP-Project Units located in Kagman and Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Scope of Work and Bid Documents will be available on or after Monday, June 21, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations; however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference" as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder. Any further questions shall be in writing and addressed to Ms. Jocelyn Kaipat, Acting Procurement Officer, via fax at (670) 234-9021 or e-mailed to the following address: admin@nmhc.gov.mp.

Sealed Bids must be marked "NMHC IFB2010-006 Supply and Installation of Zinc-Coated Chain-Link Fences and Supply and Installation of Aluminum Accordion Typhoon Shutters (Windows and Doors)." An original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, July 16, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. local time, July 16, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be in the form of a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "NMHC IFB 2010-006." Surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the NMHC §70.30.3.301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with NMHC and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000. Pursuant to Governor's Directive 251 dated March 15, 2006, bidders are required to include a Clearance from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner with respect to the financial bonding capability of the bidders' chosen Surety. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Ninety (90) calendar days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (US\$125.00) per calendar day.

NMHC hereby notifies bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, women and small business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, creed, sex, religion, age, familial status, and disability status.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procurement & Supply



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LeBron leads free-agent crop ready to change NBA



NEW YORK (AP)—Let the bidding and begging begin.

The NBA's free agency period has opened, with LeBron James leading perhaps the deepest group of players to ever hit the market.

Teams could begin making their pitches at 12:01 a.m. EDT Thursday, and some were getting started quickly.

Atlanta's Joe Johnson was expecting early visits in Los Angeles from the Hawks and New York Knicks, with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reporting that the Hawks were prepared to offer the All-Star shooting guard a maximum salary contract.

Things get interesting later Thursday, when the New Jersey Nets and Knicks are scheduled for visits to Ohio to meet with James, the two-time MVP who heads the class.

It includes other All-Stars such as Dwyane Wade, Chris Bosh, Dirk Nowitzki, Amare Stoudemire and Carlos Boozer; veterans such as Shaquille O'Neal and Ray Allen; and young up-and-comers such as Rudy Gay and David Lee.

"We've never had anything like this in my time that I can remember," New Jersey Nets president Rod Thorn said. "There have been big-time free agents before, but never this many teams that are trying to woo them. So it's unprecedented."

Teams were headed around the country to meet with players, though the Mavs were saved a long trip when Nowitzki informed them he would meet with them Thursday in Dallas—with the message arriving while president Donnie Nelson was at the airport preparing for a flight to Germany.

Showing they planned to be active, the Knicks confirmed on Twitter they would also meet with Wizards swingman Mike Miller in Los Angeles. But they would do so without team president Donnie Walsh, who went directly to Ohio in preparation for Thursday's meeting with James.

Pat Riley and a Heat contingent also began their free agency tour in California, where teams were hoping to meet with Stoudemire. They also planned to meet with Johnson.

It promised to be a wild first few days of July, with plans changing by the minute.

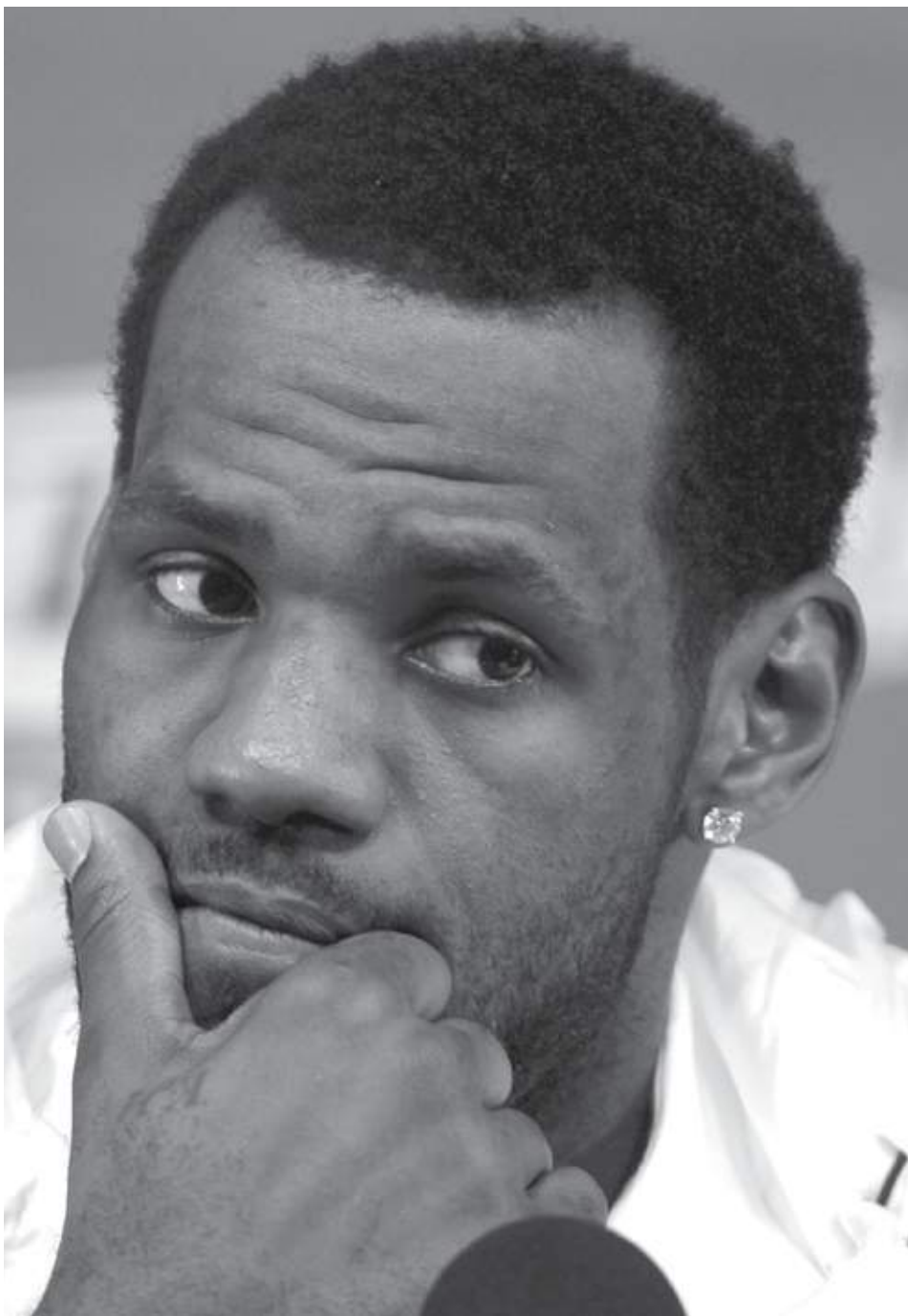
"You're not in control, as much as you would like to be," Timberwolves president David Kahn said. "I don't think any team feels right now they're in control of the situation. There's too many teams with room. Too many fine players out there. I think in those types of situations, it's best to be really nimble and change course if need be."

Kahn said early Thursday that Gay would visit Minnesota later in the day and Lee would arrive on Saturday. Gay is a restricted free agent, so Memphis can match any offer for him.

Even the Clippers, those longtime losers, thought they could be a player this summer. General manager Neil Olshey announced in a statement the team had already contacted several players and confirmed it had scored an invitation to meet with James.

"At that time, we intend to present the many reasons why his joining our organization is the best possible choice he could make," Olshey said.

Talk of James' destination seems to change by the minute. He was consid-



This May 13, 2010, file photo shows Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James listening to a question during a news conference, in Boston. Should I stay or should I go? That's the underlying question for LeBron James, who must decide if he's ready to leave home for the first time to begin new NBA adventures.

ered a look for Chicago in one report, then seemingly guaranteed to head to Miami in another. The rumor mill spun so out of control that an online sports book simply stopped taking action on James' next team.

Bottom line: James can get perhaps \$125 million over six years by staying in Cleveland; \$96 million over five years if he goes. (The exact figures can't be determined until next season's salary cap is set in July). But leaving could put him in a better position to win a championship.

Thorn is headed to Ohio, where James will welcome suitors to his home state Thursday. He'll be joined by new Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov, coach Avery Johnson and hip-hop superstar Jay-Z, a part-owner and James' longtime friend.

The Knicks plan to drop in on James, too. They can afford to pay him and another classmate the maximum next season, which might be what the Knicks need to finally get going again after a franchise-record nine straight losing seasons.

"We've had to live through some tough times in order to get where you think you start rebuilding the franchise," Walsh said. "We have that opportunity now. How well, how fast we can rebuild the team can be shortcut by getting great players."

They'll have plenty of competition. The Heat, Nets, Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Clippers also can afford to offer a player about \$16.6 million next season, which is the maximum someone with James' amount of NBA experience can make. Chicago and New Jersey made trades in recent days to push them closer to joining the Knicks with enough to offer two max deals, and the Heat can keep Wade, give an additional max contract and have enough left over for another quality player.

Top players rarely leave via free agency because NBA rules allow their teams to offer them more money in the long run. The difference comes not in the first year of a new contract, but in the raises.

A player signing with his own team is eligible for annual increases of 10.5 percent, while a new team can offer only 8 percent bumps. The home team can also offer six-year deals, whereas players joining new teams can get only five-year contracts.

The Knicks traded away Jamal Crawford and Zach Randolph—the NBA's top sixth man and a first-time All-Star, respectively—to get their \$34 million in cap room. New Jersey, which shipped out Jason Kidd, Richard Jefferson and Vince Carter in recent years, went just 12-70 last season but hopes for a quick turnaround. Miami essentially left Wade to play by himself this season in exchange for the chance to get him some superstar help next year.

"It is an 'all-in' strategy, in that even when it works, you're going to have to operate with a very low payroll," Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey said. "If it doesn't work, it can be catastrophic in terms of if you strike out, it's going to be very difficult to be competitive."

Morey used his Twitter feed to announce he'd met with Bosh in the opening hours of free agency.

"He is about winning so I focused on how (with) Houston he can win a championship," Morey wrote.

The clock started ticking four summers ago, when James, Wade and Bosh passed on maximum-length extensions on their rookie contracts in favor of shorter deals that allowed them to opt for free agency this summer.

Momentum kept building as fears grew that owners will seek radical changes in the length and value of contracts next summer when the league's collective bargaining agreement expires. That made it wise for a player like Nowitzki, even if he has no intention of leaving Dallas, to exercise his early termination option now and sign a new deal under the current rules.

Toronto expects to lose Bosh. If the All-Star forward joins James or Wade, or both, that team figures to become an immediate championship contender. Boston won the title the year after assembling its Big Three—which could now be broken up with Ray Allen on the market—and the Lakers have reached the finals every year since acquiring Pau Gasol to complement Kobe Bryant.

Numerous teams are now dreaming of similar pairings once deals can be signed on July 8.

"You look at the teams that have an awful lot of cap space, there could be a lot of power shifting in this league," Minnesota coach Kurt Rambis said.

Celtics coach Doc Rivers will return for 2010-11

BOSTON (AP)—The people that matter the most to Doc Rivers wanted him to keep coaching—so he will.

The Boston Celtics' coach will return for another season, staying with the team he led to the NBA finals twice in three years for a run at another championship.

"A lot of soul-searching with the family," said Rivers, who was in San Antonio on Wednesday to watch his son, Austin, play for the United States against Brazil in the final of the FIBA Americas Under-18 Championship. "Talking to my wife, she was really the one who said, 'You've got to.' I just think she wanted me out of the house more than anything."

"My kids all said, 'You're a coach. That's what you are. And you're a parent, and we appreciate both.' And so that made it easier."

Rivers' decision was first reported in the Boston Herald. Four hours later, the Celtics released a statement confirming Rivers would return.

"Doc is a fantastic coach and leader and I am thrilled he is coming back for the upcoming season," Celtics co-owner Steve Pagliuca said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

"Doc is re-energized and enthusiastic about coming back to make

another run at winning a championship with the Celtics," general manager Danny Ainge said in the two-sentence statement.

Austin Rivers, a highly recruited guard who will graduate from Winter Park (Fla.) High School in 2011, scored 19 points in the U.S. team's 81-78 victory. He scored a USA Basketball under-18-record 35 points Tuesday in the Americans' semifinal victory over Canada.

The inability to watch his four children play in sports was one of the major things pulling Doc Rivers toward taking time off from coaching. He said at last week's NBA draft that he was hoping there would be some compromise that would allow him to give both his personal and professional lives proper attention.

Rivers lives in the Orlando area in the offseason, and his family remains there.

"It's like my kids say, 'You come to more games than most parents doing your job,'" he said. "It's not going to be a big change. I'm still going to get to attend their games."

Rivers' decision does not mean that the nucleus of the Celtics team that won the franchise's unprecedented 17th NBA title in 2008 will be back for a run in 2010-11. Paul Pierce has

reportedly said he will opt out of his contract and become a free agent, and Ray Allen is also due to become a free agent on Thursday.

Rivers said he was "confident, but I'm not overconfident" about Pierce's and Allen's return.

"We want to go after this one more time, and we have Kevin (Garnett) and Paul (Pierce) and Ray (Allen) hopefully all coming back, so why not?" he said. "Let's see if we can do it one more time."

Without them, the Celtics would need to make a big splash in free agency to contend.

Garnett is under contract for two more years and point guard Rajon Rondo signed an extension last fall that would keep him in Boston through the 2014-15 season. Kendrick Perkins, who could miss six months or more with torn knee ligaments, has one year left on his deal.

Rivers has a career coaching record of 451-380, with a 46-40 playoff mark. With the Celtics, he is 280-212 with a 41-30 postseason record.

He guided Boston to a 66-16 record and the Celtics' record 17th NBA title two years ago. This season, the Celtics returned to the NBA finals before losing in seven games to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Cincinnati goes deep to beat Philadelphia



CINCINNATI

(AP)—Jay Bruce hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning off Roy Halladay, rallying the Cincinnati Reds past the Philadelphia Phillies in yet another last-gasp victory.

Joey Votto also homered off Halladay (9-7), who fell to 2-4 since his perfect game on May 29.

Jonny Gomes opened the eighth with a single, and Bruce connected for Cincinnati's 25th comeback win—most in the majors. The Reds have 14 wins in their last at-bat, tied for the major league lead.

Arthur Rhodes (3-2) pitched a perfect inning, recovering from his 10th-inning loss a few hours earlier. Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 26 tries.

Mets, 6, Marlins 5

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, David Wright doubled twice and drove in two runs as the New York Mets salvaged the final game of their Caribbean trip by beating the Florida Marlins.

Francisco Rodriguez got four outs for his 18th save in 21 chances. He struck out pinch-hitter Brian Barden with runners at first and third to end the game.

Pinch-hitter Josh Thole put the Mets ahead for good with an RBI single in the sixth inning that made it 5-4. Jason Bay singled home another run in the seventh.

Braves 4, Nationals 1

At Atlanta, Jair Jurrjens gave up one run and had a run-scoring single in his first start in two months as the Atlanta Braves beat the Washington Nationals.

Jurrjens (1-3) gave up six hits and one run in five innings in his first major league start since injuring his left hamstring on April 29. He struck out six with two walks.

Four Atlanta relievers combined to give up two hits in four scoreless innings. Billy Wagner gave up a leadoff single to Ivan Rodriguez in the ninth before striking out Cristian Guzman, Alberto Gonzalez and Ian Desmond to earn his 16th save.

Pirates 2, Cubs 0

At Chicago, Brad Lincoln pitched seven strong innings for his first major league win and Garrett Jones had a key RBI double as Pittsburgh continued its mastery of Chicago.

The last-place Pirates have beaten the Cubs nine times in 12 meetings. One-third of their victories (27) this season have come at the expense of Chicago.

Pittsburgh broke the scoreless tie in the eighth with two unearned runs when Andy LaRoche reached on Aramis Ramirez's error with one out, Andrew McCutchen singled and Jones drove a ball off the ivy in left-center for a run-scoring double against reliever Andrew Cashner (0-3). After an intentional walk to Ryan Doumit loaded the bases, Chicago reliever Sean Marshall struck out Pedro Alvarez, but walked Lastings Milledge to make it 2-0.

Lincoln (1-2) allowed just four hits in seven innings. Joel Hanrahan pitched the eighth and Octavio Dotel the ninth for his 16th save in 19 chances to complete the five-hit shutout.



Cincinnati Reds' Jay Bruce hits a two-run home run off Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Roy Halladay during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 30, 2010, in Cincinnati.

Dodgers 8, Giants 2

At San Francisco, Matt Kemp homered and drove in three runs and Vincente Padilla won his 100th game as Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of San Francisco.

Rafael Furcal had four hits, including a home run, and drove in two for the Dodgers, who earned a sweep in San Francisco for the first time in three years.

Padilla (2-2) won for the first time in three starts since coming off the disabled list on June 19.

Aaron Rowand had three hits, including a home run, for the Giants, who lost their fifth straight. Jonathan Sanchez (6-6) allowed five runs and six hits over five innings.

Padres 13, Rockies 3

At San Diego, Clayton Richard struck out a career-high 10 and drove in two runs, and Scott Hairston hit a three-run double and finished with four RBIs as San Diego routed Colorado to avoid a three-game sweep.

Every Padres regular had at least one hit and everyone scored at least one run except Hairston. Hairston had four RBIs for the second time in three games and drove in his older brother, Jerry Jr., twice. Chris Denorfia scored three runs.

The National League West-leading Padres sent 11 batters to the plate in

the six-run, fourth inning that chased Rockies starter Jeff Francis.

Richard (6-4) allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings while walking one. He struck out five of his first six batters. He allowed Jonathan Herrera's two-out, two-run double in the second. Francis (2-3) allowed eight runs and seven hits in three-plus innings, walked three and had no strikeouts.

Diamondbacks 4, Cardinals 2

At St. Louis, Barry Enright gave Arizona five solid innings as the fill-in for Edwin Jackson and Chris Young hit a two-run home run in a victory over St. Louis that avoided a three-game sweep.

Both Enright (1-0) and the Cardinals' Jeff Suppan (0-4) went at least five innings in a game that lasted 3 hours, 53 minutes.

Aaron Heilman worked around two singles in the ninth for his third save in seven chances.

The 24-year-old Enright was a second-round draft pick in 2007 and was 4-1 with a 2.88 ERA at Double-A Mobile. He earned a nod as the sub for Jackson, who threw 149 pitches in his no-hitter and is getting two extra days' rest before his next start Friday at home against the Dodgers.

Astros 5, Brewers 1

At Milwaukee, Wandy Rodriguez

pitched seven solid innings and executed a perfect suicide squeeze bunt to snap a tie in the sixth inning to lead Houston over Milwaukee.

Chris Johnson had his second four-hit game in six days for the Astros, including a two-run double in the seventh that made it 4-1.

Rodriguez (5-10) won his second consecutive start after a stretch in which he lost six of seven.

Dave Bush (3-6) gave up two runs and six hits in six innings. The right-hander walked five and struck out three.

Rays 9, Red Sox 4

At Boston, Matt Garza allowed six hits in seven innings and struggling Tampa Bay pulled away with six runs in the eighth inning to beat Boston.

Garza (9-5) left with a 9-1 lead before the Red Sox scored three runs in the eighth. He has won four of his last five starts after losing three straight.

The Rays won for only the sixth time in 18 games and moved two games behind the AL East-leading New York. Boston, which saw its seven-game home winning streak snapped, remained in second place, one game back.

Daisuke Matsuzaka (5-3) had early control problems for his second straight start, walking three in the first inning. He allowed three runs and four hits in six innings.

Mariners 7, Yankees 0

At New York, Felix Hernandez pitched a two-hitter and struck out 11 as Seattle shut out New York for its first road series win since April.

Michael Saunders connected for two of the Mariners' four homers to support Hernandez (6-5) in his third complete game this season and 10th overall. It was his career fourth shutout and first since June 16, 2009, at San Diego.

The Mariners have won nine of 12.

Milton Bradley and Saunders homered off Javier Vazquez (6-7) and Jose Lopez extended his hitting streak to 12 games with an RBI single.

Twins 5, Tigers 1

At Minneapolis, Justin Morneau homered and drove in two runs and Kevin Slowey went six innings as Minnesota downed Detroit.

Slowey (8-5) was hit by Magglio Ordonez's comebacker with two outs in the sixth. The ball bruised his right ankle but he made the play. He allowed one run and four hits.

Tigers rookie Andy Oliver (0-2) gave up five runs, two earned, and eight hits over six innings in his second major league start.

After falling out of first place in the AL Central on Monday for the first time since early April, the Twins stretched their lead over the Tigers to 1 1/2 games.

Rangers 6, Angels 4

At Anaheim, California, Vladimir Guerrero hit a grand slam and another homer during a four-hit performance against his former teammates, leading the Texas Rangers over the Los Angeles Angels.

Guerrero also had a long double and a single during the 42nd multihomer game of his career. The slugger has three homers and six hits in his first two games back at Angel Stadium since

Los Angeles decided not to re-sign him last winter.

Guerrero's fourth-inning grand slam and eighth-inning solo shot sent Texas to its 14th win in 16 games despite a shaky major league debut for starter Omar Beltre. He made it through just four innings after giving up a leadoff homer to Erick Aybar.

Orioles 9, Athletics 6

At Baltimore, Ty Wigginton and Luke Scott hit successive homers in the seventh inning as Baltimore powered its way to a victory over Oakland.

Adam Jones, Corey Patterson and Miguel Tejada also connected for Baltimore, which trailed 6-3 before rallying for its fifth win in six games.

Patterson hit a solo shot in the fourth, Wigginton tied it with a two-run drive in the seventh against Brad Ziegler and Scott homered off Cedrick Bowers (0-1).

Matt Albers (3-3) pitched one inning of scoreless relief and Alfredo Simon worked the ninth for his 10th save.

Coco Crisp homered and Mark Ellis had three hits for the A's, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Indians 3, Blue Jays 1

At Cleveland, Aaron Laffey allowed one run over six-plus innings as Cleveland won its fourth straight with a victory over Toronto.

Laffey (1-2), who gave up five hits and struck out five, was 0-8 in nine starts and 29 appearances at the major league level since beating Minnesota last Aug. 16. It was the left-hander's second start since being recalled from the minors on Saturday. He was optioned to Triple-A Columbus on May 30.

Matt LaPorta and Shin-Soo Choo hit solo home runs for Cleveland, which matched its longest win streak of the season following a season-worst seven-game losing streak.

Toronto has lost four straight, eight of 10 overall and is 3-11 in its last 14 road games.

Chris Perez pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save in 10 chances. He closed in place of Kerry Wood, who had three saves in three days.

Royals 7, White Sox 6

At Kansas City, Billy Butler and Jose Guillen homered and Zack Greinke survived a five-run eighth inning as Kansas City edged Chicago.

Guillen also made a great catch of Mark Kotsay's leadoff drive in the ninth against Joakim Soria, banging into the right-field wall and falling to the ground but keeping the ball in his glove.

Greinke (4-8) won for the third time in four starts. He sailed into the eighth with a 7-1 lead, but a pinch-hit, bases-loaded triple by Brent Lillibridge keyed Chicago's comeback.

Soria relieved Greinke to begin the ninth and closed for his 20th save in 22 opportunities.

Butler's 422-foot solo shot in the first stopped Jake Peavy's scoreless string at 21 2-3 consecutive innings, the longest active streak in the majors.

Peavy (7-6) was charged with three runs and seven hits in six innings, with two walks and five strikeouts. The loss ended a three-game winning personal winning streak for the right-hander.

Teams prepare as World Cup pauses for 1st rest day



JOHANNESBURG (AP)—The World Cup finally paused for breath Wednesday with its first rest day, giving the eight remaining teams two days to focus on quarterfinal preparations.

European champion Spain is hitting form in time for Saturday's match against Paraguay after David Villa's fourth goal of the tournament eliminated Portugal, and Germany midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger warned his teammates not to be provoked by Argentina when the teams meet at the weekend.

But Brazil's focus may have been knocked by news of a problem ahead of its crunch game against the Netherlands.

Elano was diagnosed with an ankle injury that could rule him out of the rest of the monthlong tournament, even if Brazil makes it all the way to the July 11 final.

Elano scored a goal in each of Brazil's first two matches but the midfielder's right ankle was damaged in a tough tackle during the second of those against Ivory Coast.

Elano said he wanted referees to do more to protect players from violent play, raising the subject of video technology a day after FIFA president Sepp Blatter said the ruling body would examine its possible use in helping referees with decision making.

"I don't like to complain, but this type of violence needs to be analyzed," said Elano, who has a bruised bone. "People talk about the ball, about using video to see if it was a goal or not, but I wanted to go to the referee and say, 'You didn't even call a foul?'"

Otherwise, things are going well for Brazil.

The team finally showed more than a couple of glimpses of its flowing football in its 3-0 win over Chile on Monday, with Kaka and Luis Fabiano continuing to team up perfectly in attack—just as they did when they played for Brazilian club Sao Paulo before becoming stars in Europe.

Luis Fabiano has scored three goals in four matches in South Africa, two of them after passes from Kaka.

"We have a perfect connection," Luis Fabiano said. "We understand each other. I just have to get in position and I know he will get the ball to me."

That's the sort of confidence also coursing through the Spain squad after its 1-0 win over the third-ranked Portuguese.

With 1-0 opening loss to Switzerland forgotten, Spain looks as though it has figured out how to unlock even the most defensive teams.

"You have to have patience and adapt your style," Villa said. "But there was never any fear—99 percent of the time our style of play means victory."

Actually, it's 94 percent: the team has won 30 of 32 matches under coach Vicente del Bosque.

Germany coach Joachim Loew called Argentina a favorite to win the World Cup after the South Americans' strong attacking showing so far, with that status possibly boosted by news that Germany forward Cacau is unlikely to recover from a thigh injury in time to play on Saturday.

But Schweinsteiger is thinking as much about his team's mental preparations as the physical ones.

Schweinsteiger accused the Argentinians of showing no respect for oppo-

nents or referees, and urged his teammates not to be provoked.

Germany eliminated Argentina on penalties four years ago at the same stage and there were chaotic scenes after the shootout with both sides exchanging punches and kicks in a fracas that included team officials from both benches.

"The shootout is still in our memory but what really weighs heavily on our minds is what happened after that match," Schweinsteiger said. "We have to remain calm and not get provoked and I hope the referee will be very alert."

"You could see their behavior at halftime of the game against Mexico. When you look at their body language

and gesticulation, they way they try to influence the referees, they have no respect. It's their mentality and character and we'll have to adjust."

Mexico and Argentina players had to be separated as they headed for the tunnel at halftime of the teams' second-round game, with the Mexicans furious over Argentina's first goal that came from an offside. Argentina won 3-1.

Governments in France and Nigeria risked FIFA's wrath with interventions following the countries' first-round exits.

French lawmakers involved in a parliamentary hearing into the country's humiliating first-round exit criticized Raymond Domenech after the coach refused to take any responsibility for the team's misbehavior.

The hearing went ahead despite a

warning from FIFA about French government meddling in football affairs. Blatter said the national team risks suspension from international football if political leaders interfere in the running of the federation.

"It isn't FIFA's role to threaten French lawmakers; we're in a democracy and parliamentarians have the right to hear anyone they want," lawmaker Eric Ciotti said.

Lawmakers said Domenech, who has stepped down, tried to pin blame on the press.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan's suspended his country's team from international competition for two years after the team failed to win a game at the tournament and allegations of corruption followed the team.

Club spokesman: Vick left minutes before shooting



VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP)—The spokesman for the nightclub where Michael Vick held his birthday bash says the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback left in a car minutes before a shooting outside, contradicting Vick's attorney's timeline.

Vick's attorney, Larry Woodward, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Vick left the establishment at least 10 minutes, and perhaps as many as 20 minutes, before the shooting.

Allen Fabijan, spokesman for Guadalajara Mexican restaurant and nightclub, said Wednesday that time-stamped footage from a surveillance camera outside the entrance of the club shows a car with Vick inside leaving at 2:07 a.m.—about 4 minutes before the shooting a block away.

Woodward did not return calls from

the AP on Wednesday.

Fabijan said police have asked the club not to release the video to media but allowed the AP to view the grainy footage on Wednesday.

Vick's face is not discernible; a man wearing white that Fabijan said is Vick appears moving toward a parked car at 2:04 a.m. A crowd quickly gathered, and Fabijan said Vick accommodated fans trying to get an autograph, to pose for a photo or to shake hands—so much so that a club security guard tries to disperse the crowd.

The waiting car pulls away at 2:07 a.m. in the direction of the eventual shooting. Numerous people are seen lingering in front of the club for several minutes until, at 2:10:55, they suddenly appear to duck for cover.

Police spokesman Adam Bernstein, who said authorities have a copy of the video, said the first 911 call was

received at 2:11.

Fabijan said Vick was not involved in any altercations during the hour he was inside, or immediately outside, the restaurant/nightclub.

Vick, accompanied by Woodward, was interviewed by police on Monday. Police say Vick is not a suspect and have not identified the shooting victim. Woodward, however, told the AP that it was Quanis Phillips, a co-defendant in Vick's dogfighting case.

Woodward said that Vick was not involved in the shooting and does not know who shot Phillips.

The NFL and the Eagles have said they are looking into the matter.

NFL commissioner Goodell told Vick when he reinstated him that his margin for error was "extremely limited." One rule of Vick's probation is that he is not allowed to be in the company of other felons.

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Sonics, Kagman 1-2-3 win in U18 caging

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The Sonics improved their win-loss record to 3-1 after blowing out the Celtics, now winless with three losses, by a score of 78-55 in Wednesday night's UBA Youth Basketball League 18-and-under division at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Seeing action in the second game, Adrian Palacios led the Sonics in the opening period with nine points and teammates Juan Maratita and Cal-

vin Cadiang added six points apiece in support.

Tim Taguchi and Richard Wung led the way for the Celtics in the first half with eight and seven points, respectively.

At halftime, the score was 33-27 and the Celtics were still within reach, but on this occasion, their bench ran thin of substitutes that may have caused them to gas out near the end of the game.

The Celtics played the game with a seven-man roster and although they managed to stay competitive in the first half, they grew tired down the stretch and keep up with the Sonics' trans-

mission offense.

The Sonics sensed that the Celtics were struggling and turned it up a notch in the final period.

Maratita, the Sonics leading scorer with 20 points, came on strong in the last half with a 12-point effort. Cadiang was right with him with 10 more points and Daryl Brana came in off the bench and added six points in the second.

Taguchi scored an impressive 19 points for the Celtics in the final period and tried to rally his team back in the game. But playing down a few men made it nearly impossible

to run the court against the Sonics' line changes.

Kagman 1-2-3 79, Rollers B 40

Kagman 1-2-3 punished the Rollers B squad, 79-40, in the first U18 game of the evening.

Kagman 1-2-3's Ichi Faisao caught fire in this one with a 22-point first half performance that helped shoot his team ahead to a double-digit lead.

Saj Hossain got off to a late start, but still managed 10 first half points in the final minutes.

The score was 39-22 at the half and from there the game was nearly over.

Faisao elected to share the ball a little more after the half, but still managed eight more points.

Dominic Reyes came alive in the final period for Kagman with nine points and the bench got to come out and play a little early on Wednesday.

Starting at 6pm tonight the Roller A team will challenge their B team counterparts followed by the Sixers taking on Hi-5 at the Garapan Basketball Court.

First Game

Kagman 1-2-3 79 – Faisao 30, Hossain 12, Reyes 10, Ogo

7, Brel 6, Pangelinan 5, Babauta 4, Kaipat 3, Camacho 2.

Rollers B 40 – Norita 15, Guerrero 8, Laniyo 7, Cenir 4, Mennota 4, , Teregeyo 2.

Scoring by halves: 39-22, 79-40.

Second Game

Sonics 78 – Maratita 20, Cadiang 16, Palacios 13, Elcanea 9, Villanueva 6, Brana 6, Byun 2, Ferrer 2, Norita 2, Del Rosario .

Celtics 55 – Taguchi 27, Wung 12, Baza 6, Jeon 6, Villagomez 4.

Scoring by halves: 33-27, 78-55.

OFF-ISLAND

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from the team. Ingram, whose mother is the former Jovita Hofschneider of Tinian, needs to attend summer school to save her scholarship at Mercer University and the session will end only on Aug. 3.

The 5'10" Ingram is a member of the women's basketball team of Mercer University, which plays in the Atlantic Sun

Conference of the National Colleges Athletics Association Division I. She played for the North Stafford High School in northern Virginia and averaged 18.1 points and 12.6 rebounds per game.

Ngirchongor will be returning on Saipan this month, but will leave early August due to school commitment at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Palacios is also arriving on Saipan this month, but has a leg injury sustained from a bad

fall while hiking.

Ruluked like Ingram had expressed an interest in donning the colors of the CNMI, but according to her relative, the former Kagman High School player also has school commitments.

"We have yet to hear from her personally and we're hoping she can still come and join the team," Sewell said.

Ngirchongor, Palacios, and Ruluked all played for the CNMI Women's Nationals, who defeated Palau in the 6th

Micronesian Games in Palau.

With these players out, the CNMI was left with only one veteran on the team—Connie Camacho.

Joining Camacho on the team are Lia Rangamar, Lena Guzman, Jeralyn Castillo, Ira Palero Lelaine Pagarao, Jenequa Benavente, Yvonne Bennett, Jamie Mendoza, Jacque Wonenberg Lily Williams, and Dion Diaz.

The names of these 12 players, along with the four off-island cagebells were submitted

to the organizing committee in Palau. The CNMI and other participating island-nations then have until July 31 to submit the final roster for the basketball competition.

Rangamar played in the 2006 Micro Games, but saw limited minutes, while majority of the team members competed in the 2009 FIBA Oceania Basketball Tournament on Saipan and in a youth tournament in Guam in 2008.

"We are very young and there

is only one seasoned veteran on the team in Connie Camacho. Her team leadership on the floor will be paramount to the success of this team in Palau," Sewell said. "We just have to make the most of what we have now and give our best."

"It will be tough to defend the gold medal. However, if my teammates will come out and play hard and will not be intimidated by veteran players, we will still have a good chance," Camacho said.

ESCAPE

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Victoria Chentsova after she got stung. A great show of sportsmanship and compassion," Suzy Kindel said.

"Andres stayed with Victoria because she got stung by jellyfish,

and started to get scared. Andres may have been in front otherwise," Joshua Berger added.

Buitrago ended up completing the race in 41 minutes and 54 seconds, more than a minute behind Thompson and three minutes behind first placer Andrew Kimball.

Berger also had trouble at the

start of the Managaha to Micro Beach crossing.

"I had goggle problems at the beginning and by the time I fixed them the pack had taken off, but my lovely wife—Mamiko—stayed with me the whole time to make sure I was not alone," Berger said.

The Bergers moved out of the

water along with Manny Sitchon and Daniel Calvo, as they completed the race in more than 50 minutes.

Kindel, who was a first-timer in the Escape from Managaha also decided to slow down in her debut to swim along with Lewie Tenorio. Tenorio is more of a biker and

runner and considers swimming his Waterloo among the three events in triathlon.

Former Kan Pacific Swimming Pool lifeguard Gary De Guzman also watched Stan Good's back and the two reached the shore of Micro Beach with only a few minutes separating them.

Kayakers and crew from the DPS Boating Safety were out on the course during the race to guide and assist participants, but still Buitrago and company made themselves responsible for their fellow swimmers, proving that the Escape from Managaha is more than just a race.

FOUR

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closing minutes of that canto and moved Ol'Aces within three, 53-56.

Ol'Aces tied the game, 58-all, with 8:08 left in the fourth before they finally collapsed against the Nationals' trapping defense. After forcing deadlock, the Ol'Aces were scoreless in more than four minutes.

In contrast, Lizama anchored a Nationals' 11-0 run to take a commanding 69-58 lead, with

3:54 left on the clock. A layup from Rabauliman ended the Ol'Aces' silence, but his team failed to complete a come-from-behind win, as the Nationals went steady in the closing minutes and continued putting up tough defense against their foes.

"Our defense has been the key in the first four wins. It will be great if we can complement our good defense with our offense. Sometimes, we rushed things on offense and ended up committing turnovers. We also need to be consistent in making those outside shots," CNMI Nationals

coach Rufino Aguon said when asked of his assessment about the team's performance so far in the Budweiser caging.

Becks 670 91, Rollers 85

In the first game, Becks 670 notched its third win after a 91-85 triumph over the Bud Ice Rollers.

Tony Diaz sizzled for 32 points for 670, which improved to a 3-1 record for second place behind the Nationals. The Rollers remained winless in four games despite getting a solid game from Thomas Santos,

who tallied 26 points.

Becks 670 had a jackrabbit start behind Diaz's 12 points and Kelvin Fitial's eight for the team's 30-19 lead. The Rollers played catch up since then, but could not match 670's offensive firepower.

First Game

Becks 670 91 – T. Diaz 32, E. Diaz 19, Fitial 16, Gapor 10, Z. Diaz 6, Lizama 2, Basa 2, Castro 1.

Bud Ice Rollers 85 – Santos 26, Matagolai 18, Galarse 15, Aughenbaugh 12, D. Teregeyo

4, Ogarto 3, Reyes 2, Hambros 2, Babauta 2.

Scoring by quarters: 30-19, 44-36, 64-57, 91-85.

Second Game

CNMI Nationals 80 – Lizama 24, Iguel 16, Tumaquip 11, Barcinas 6, Mendiola 5, Chari-

ton 4, Johnson 4, Lee 4, Villacrusis 2.

Ol'Aces 68 – Rabauliman 22, Camacho 13, Aughenbaugh 10, Ogumoro 4, Van Buren 4, Fernandez 2, Coldeen 2, Lisua 2, Omar 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-14, 39-33, 56-53, 80-68.

VIDEO

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FIFA president Seth Blatter said, "Fans love to debate any given incident in a game. It is part of the human nature of our sport."

Sorry, there is no debate when the call is 100 percent wrong.

Blatter basically argues that being incorrect is correct. Excuse me, I always thought it was human nature to make things better, to improve ourselves, and to correct injustices. Technology is a human invention designed to help humans. Earth to Blatter! Oh wait, this is the same man who

said female soccer players should wear hot pants.

Brazilian star Kaka got sent off the pitch after bumping into an opponent who crumpled to the ground clutching his face like he had a broken jaw even though Kaka had touched his chest. Flop, plop. Crap.

The controversy in this World Cup started when Ireland, Saipan's link to the tournament since they trained here in a storm of controversy in 2002 (later made into a film), was denied entry on a clear hand ball by France.

In rejecting replay, Blatter blathered, "We don't do it and this makes the fascination and the popularity of football. Let

it be as it is and let's live with errors." That line of reasoning is absurd. Well, if it's errors that people find fascinating and want to yap about, then why not just make a mistake on every call?

More proof that Blatter is batty: in defending no-replays, he said, "the referee makes the decision—a man, not a machine." But the replay machine does not make any decision; that is still left to a man.

Blatter apparently is not deaf. After the uproar over outrageous calls, he said FIFA will later this month re-examine instant replay on goals although he remains opposed to the concept.

What about instant replay on Saipan? Several times while filming games on Saipan, I have asked about controversial calls. Each time I replied something along the line of, "sorry, your rules do not allow for instant replay."

There was one time I was asked to assist on a call and I did. At the All Schools Athletics Championships, official Elias Rangamar asked to look at an exceedingly close boys race. Upon review, he was able to correctly determine who got the gold, silver, and bronze medals. What was so bad about that? Nothing.

It's better to be right than wrong. Right?

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	30	.610	—
Boston	47	32	.595	1
Tampa Bay	45	32	.584	2
Toronto	40	39	.506	8
Baltimore	24	53	.312	23

Central Division

Minnesota	43	35	.551	—
Detroit	41	36	.532	1 1/2
Chicago	40	37	.519	2 1/2
Kansas City	34	45	.430	9 1/2
Cleveland	30	47	.390	12 1/2

West Division

Texas	47	30	.610	—
Los Angeles	44	36	.550	4 1/2
Oakland	38	41	.481	10
Seattle	33	44	.429	14

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	46	33	.582	—
New York	44	34	.564	1 1/2
Philadelphia	41	35	.539	3 1/2
Florida	37	41	.474	8 1/2
Washington	34	45	.430	12

Central Division

Cincinnati	44	35	.557	—
St. Louis	43	35	.551	1/2
Milwaukee	35	43	.449	8 1/2
Chicago	34	44	.436	9 1/2
Houston	31	48	.392	13
Pittsburgh	27	51	.346	16 1/2

West Division

San Diego	46	32	.590	—
Los Angeles	43	35	.551	3
Colorado	41	37	.526	5
San Francisco	40	37	.519	5 1/2
Arizona	31	48	.392	15 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati	4	Philadelp	3
Houston	5	Milwaukee	1
Arizona	4	St. Louis	2
Pittsburgh	2	Chicago Cubs	0
San Diego	13	Colorado	3
L.A. Dodgers	8	San Francisco	2
N.Y. Mets	6	Florida	5
Atlanta	4	Washington	1
Minnesota	5	Detroit	1
Baltimore	9	Oakland	6
Seattle	7	N.Y. Yankees	0
Cleveland	3	Toronto	1
Tampa Bay	9	Boston	4
Kansas City	7	Chicago White Sox	6
Texas	6	L.A. Angels	4

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LOCAL SCORES

BUDWEISER CAGING STANDINGS

CNMI Nationals	4	0
Becks 670	3	1
Ol'Aces	2	1
Hoegaarden IT&E	2	1
Bacardi HI-5	2	1
Runnin' Rebels	1	2
Budweiser Saints	0	2
Michelob Sixers	0	3
Bud Ice Rollers	0	4

No more tomorrow for four teams

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The CNMI Nationals continued their domination of their CNMI National Men's Basketball Fundraiser Tournament last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court, and booted McGraw Hill down into the loser's bracket in the form of a 51-28 whooping.

The seasoned McGraw Hill squad struggled running up and down the court against the Nationals. In Day 2 of the tourney, the Nationals continued to display their secure ball handling, rapid ball movement, and strategic defensive skills in the one-sided contest.

The Nationals shared the ball and mounted a well-balanced offensive attack. Ten players out of their 11-man roster managed to contribute at least one basket.

Nationals point guard Jose Tumaquip marched the ball up and down the court at will and picked McGraw Hill apart as his teammates, positioned right under the basket, found a lot of easy looks at the hoop.

Additionally, the Nationals bought down a lot more of the rebounds, which led to multiple second chance baskets.

Joe Villiacrusis and Quincy Johnson led the Nationals in scoring with nine and eight points, respectively, but a lot of



The CNMI National Men's Basketball Team poses for a post-game photo last Sunday during Day 2 of their Fundraiser Tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court.

hands got involved in the run-away game.

The Nationals built a double-digit lead right away and got so far ahead that they virtually played keep away in the last quarter of the game.

Trinity drew a first round bye going into the fundraiser tourney and came out a little rusty in their match against Mobil. They will look to polish up their defensive strategy after taking a harsh, 67-115, pounding put on them by Mobil.

The tourney continued last night with Trinity against the

Sparks in the first followed by the second game between McGraw Hill and Team Elite, both at the Garapan Basketball Court. Results were not available as of press time.

These two pairings will be battling to fight their way back into the winners bracket with the CNMI Nationals and Mobil, who both remain undefeated heading into the second week of the three week event.

The winner of last night's games will face each other tomorrow, July 3, in Garapan to determine the wildcard team,

with the losers being officially eliminated. From there, the winners will play the loser of the Nationals and Mobil match up. All four of Thursday's teams still have a chance to climb back up the ladder.

Nationals 51 – Villiacrusis 11, Johnson 8, Mendiola 6, Barcinas 6, Chariton 4, Tumaquip 4, Naraja 4, Lee 4, Lizama 2, Iguel 2.

McGraw Hill 28 – Villiacrusis 12, Mendez 4, Tomakane 2, Buniag 2, Cabrera 4, Villagomez 2, Hideo 2.

Rangamar off to Queensland elite camp

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Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar left for Australia yesterday to attend the 2010 Athletics North Queensland OzSquad Camp.

Rangamar is the lone non-Australian coach invited at the camp and will serve as a guest coach from Oceania Athletics Association. He will be joining a group of Level 5 coaches in the camp, namely Terry West, Max Debnam, and Peter Lawler of New South Wales, and Brett Green of Gold Coast.

"It's a great honor and privilege to join these highly qualified and experienced coaches in Australia. Though I will be part of the coaching group that will hold sessions with North Queensland athletes, I believe I will be learning too from my fellow coaches," Rangamar said.

West will be the head coach for the Camp and will discuss techniques in 400m and other distance races. Debnam will be in charge of sprints, long jump, and triple jump; Lawler will focus on high jump, hurdles, and javelin, throw; and



Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar, left, seen here with Guam coach Carl Cruz during the latter's clinic last month, left for Australia yesterday to attend a camp in Queensland.

Green will be talking about other throwing events.

"Whatever I will learn in the camp, I will share them with our

local coaches so they too can teacher these techniques to our athletes," he added.

The OzSquad Camp is held

annually in Townsville and links the state's best junior athletes with some of Australia's best coaches in a residential camp setting. It will run from July 4 to 8 with athletes from Queensland Athletics Future Squad selected to join the five-day camp.

According to Queensland Athletics website, the camp provides daily training sessions through the camp's coaches and develops each athletes understanding of and experience with associated training techniques and issues including recovery, nutrition, psychology, strength, and conditioning. The camp program also includes social activities and provides attendees with the opportunity to hear from guest speakers.

"I am pretty much excited to see these elite athletes and gauge their level of competitiveness," Rangamar added.

After the camp, Rangamar will return to Saipan for the final stage of the CNMI Team's preparation for the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau. Before the Micro Games, Rangamar's wards are expected to compete in a short tournament in Guam and then after the Palau event, several members of the team will head to Australia for another track meet.

Talalemotu, Aranda earn MVP nods

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Sonics shooting guard Jack Aranda and Rollers center Savali Talalemotu were named MVPs of the recently concluded 15-and-under division of the 2010 UBA Youth Basketball League.

Aranda earned the finals most valuable player nod after leading Sonics to a two-game sweep of Talalemotu's Rollers in the best-of-three championship series.

He pumped in a team-high 22 points in the Sonics close 64-62 victory over Rollers in Game 1 last June 23 at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Aranda again led the Sonics in Game 2 last June 25, recording yet another team-high 24 points as the Sonics wrapped up the U15 championship with a 69-60 triumph against Rollers and Talalemotu.



Aranda

For his part, Talalemotu was nothing short of a Tower of Power for Rollers in the 2010 season of the youth league, as he led all players in scoring.

In their first game of the season against the Sonics, the 6'3" man mountain erupted for 36 points as the Rollers nipped the their rivals, 72-70, last June 11.

Both teams locked horns three days later and Talalemotu was once again in the forefront of the Rollers attack with 27 points as they beat the Sonics, 63-61, last June 14. In the finals Talalemotu averaged 33 points for the runner-up Rollers.

Aside from leading the division in scoring, Talalemotu also racked up the most rebounds with 99 and swatted the most shots with 25 blocks.

Sonics' Nevin Salem also took home statistical awards as the fleet-footed point guard doled out the most assists award with 14 and was also the league's undisputed Sultan of Swipe with 35 steals.



Talalemotu

Wabol owns best score in Pacific Games trials



Jess Wabol strengthened his bid for a ticket to the 2011 Pacific Games after posting the best average score, following four qualifying tournaments.

Wabol after four trials had an average of 76.5 to lead 16 others who had competed in at least one of the first four qualifying tournaments. There will be seven qualifiers, but only scores in six trials will be tallied to determine the Top



Wabol

5 players who will represent the CNMI to the Pacific Games in New Caledonia. The seventh qualifier is a make-up or participants can use the round to drop their lowest score in the first six trials.

Placing second to Wabol is Jeff Taylor, who averaged 77, followed by Edward Manibusan (77.5), Nick Sablan (78.3), Tars Olopai (79.5), Adam Hardwicke (80), Joji Taguchi (80), Tony Satur (80.5), Steve Jang

(83.25), Jesse Seman (85.50), Steve Balakrishna (84.750), Ralph Yumul (85), Jung Eun Teack (88), Jordan Kosam (88), Carl Hocog (91), Joe Saures (91.5), and Joc Hocog (100).

Meanwhile, the fifth qualifier will be played on the east course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort either on July 10 or 17.

Check-in time is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm. The final schedule will be announced next week. The fifth qualifier and two more trials will all be played from the blue tee.

Organizers of the series of qualifiers are inviting golfers to join the trials even if they are interested in competing in the Pacific Games.

"All golfers are welcome to come and play with us. Those preparing for the Tournament of Champions can use this round to warm-up," Wabol said.

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No off-island recruits for women's cage team

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The pressure is on for the CNMI Women's Basketball Team, as its members may have to defend the gold medal in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau without four off-island players.

CNMI Women's Nationals coach Bill Sewell said Samoana Ingram, Dena Ngirchongor, and Pearl Palacios will not be able to join the team for the August tournament, while Chelsea Ruluked may join the list, as the team has yet to hear any update from the former MISO caging MVP.

Ingram initially expressed an interest in suiting up for the CNMI Women's Nationals and Basketball Association of Northern Mariana Islands agreed to shoulder her airfare from the mainland to Saipan and also for the Palau trip.

However, last-minute commitments in school forced Ingram to back out
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Connie Camacho, center, seen here in action in last month's women's league, will be the only seasoned veteran on the roster of the CNMI Women's Nationals, as four off-island players are unlikely to make it to the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

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Escape from Managaha is more than a race

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When joining a race, usually the goal is to finish first.

However, this was not the case for some 2010 Escape from Managaha participants, who gave up a better finish to ensure a fellow swimmer's safety.

One of them was Andres Buitrago, who in the past two years has been a strong contender in open water swims on Saipan but ended up in fifth place in the June 26 race.

"Three of our SSC kids and Andres Buitrago were stung by jellyfish toward the end of their swim. Andres gave up his race for second place against Colin Thompson so he could swim with

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Andres Buitrago, right, is all smiles after he and Victoria Chentsova completed the 2010 Escape from Managaha.

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Video referee

The Aussies have it right. Why can't the rest of the world? Australian rugby utilizes instant replay quickly and efficiently to make the right call. They call it "video referee." A guy watching the same replays you see at home on television flashes a message on the screen usually in about 10 seconds indicating whether the call on the field stands or not. So simple a caveman could do it.

True, the NFL uses instant replay but it seems to take forever. The

NBA uses it judiciously but usually only at the end of games. And MLB uses it but only for home runs because they won't delay the game as the review comes while the batter trots around the bases.

A couple of weeks ago American baseball fans saw Armando Galarraga get robbed of a perfect game. This week the whole world saw England get hosed and Argentina get lucky, on one goal anyway.

Because of all the botched calls, the 2010 World Cup stands to be remembered not for who won but who was wronged.

Earlier this year after nixing instant replay, soccer ruling body

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Four in row for Nationals

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Jack Lizama had a breakout game in the second half to power the Bud Light CNMI Nationals to an 80-68 win over the Bud Light Lime Ol'Aces, 80-68, on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Lizama, who was held to a field goal in the first half, scored 22 in the second half to lift the Nationals to a 4-0 record and hand the Ol'Aces their first loss in three games.

Lizama's production in the third period allowed the Nationals to lead by as much as nine and he continued to find his offensive rhythm in the final quarter when his team stretched the advantage to 14.

Besides Lizama's consistent offense in the second half, the Nationals leaned on their pressured defense to pull away against the Ol'Aces after a close battle in the first half.

The Nationals went on a full-court press since the start of the game, forcing a couple of turnovers. However, the Ol'Aces on several occasions managed to escape from the trap in the first half to keep pace with the Nationals. Ol'Aces behind

Marvin Rabauliman's successive baskets fell behind by only three at the end of the first period, 17-14, and six at the break, 33-39.

In the third period, Lizama, who posted up against Ol'Aces in the first half and was usually unsuccessfully, opted to face the basket when going for offense and this time was on target when he exploded for 12 points.

With Lizama in the groove, making short jumpers and a couple of put-backs, and the Nationals' pressured defense starting to pay off, their lead went to as high as nine in the third, before Rabauliman broke loose in the

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Bud Light CNMI Nationals' Jack Lizama, right, goes for a layup against Bud Light Lime's Marvin Rabauliman during their game in the Budweiser caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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OFF THE BENCH

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